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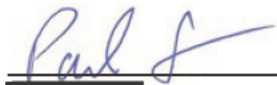
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACM	Asbestos-Containing Materials
Arcadis	Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc.
DSHMS	Designated Substance Survey and Hazardous Materials Survey
EACC	Environmental Abatement Council of Canada
HCE	Halocarbon-Containing Equipment
LBP	Lead Based Paints
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
OHS	Occupational Health and Safety
PACM	Potentially Asbestos-Containing Materials
PCBs	Polychlorinated Biphenyls
PLM	Polarized Light Microscopy
TEM	Transmission Electron Microscopy

Executive Summary

Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc. (Arcadis) was retained by the City of Barrie to conduct a pre-renovation designated substances and hazardous materials survey (DSHMS) of the Level 4 of the City Hall located at 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario.

The objective of the assessment was to identify specified designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) in preparation for building renovation. This assessment is intended to be used for renovation purposes only and may not provide sufficient detail for long term management of hazardous materials as required by Health and Safety regulations. The results of this assessment are intended for use with a properly developed scope of work and performance specification.

The project consisted of a limited intrusive assessment of the fourth level of the building as shown on the floor plan included in Appendix D.

The designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) considered during this assessment included the following:

- Asbestos-containing materials (ACM)
- Lead in Paint
- Lead Products
- Silica
- Mercury
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
- Halocarbon-Containing Equipment (HCE)
- Suspect visible mould
- Other designated substances (vinyl chloride, acrylonitrile, isocyanates, benzene, arsenic, ethylene oxide and coke oven emissions)

Arcadis performed the assessment on September 15, 2025. The assessment was conducted by [REDACTED], B.Sc., IHT, Senior Industrial Hygienist of Arcadis.

Summary of Findings

Asbestos: Asbestos-containing materials (ACM) were confirmed present in the assessed area including:

- Drywall joint compound throughout the Fourth Floor
- Vinyl floor tiles below the carpet in Room 418
- Black tar/caulking along the upper perimeter of the Fourth Floor above ceiling tiles

Potentially Asbestos-Containing Materials (PACM): Materials presumed to contain asbestos in the assessed area include:

- Electrical components or wiring within control centers, breakers, motors or lights, insulation

- Cast iron bell and spigot fittings, mechanical packing, ropes

Paint: No paint was identified with levels of lead that exceeded the criterion in the assessed area.

Lead Products: Lead was presumed to be present in electrical components, glazing on ceramic tiles, in the solder on the seals of bell joints of any cast iron drainpipe and in the solder on the sweated-on joints between copper pipe and fittings where present in the assessed area.

Silica: Crystalline silica is present in concrete, drywall, drywall joint compound, ceiling tiles, ceiling texture coat and ceramic tiles and mortar/grout where present in the assessed area.

Mercury: Mercury vapor is present in fluorescent lamps where present in the assessed area.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Based on visual observations (evidence of T-8 fixtures), the building has been comprehensively re-lamped and will likely not contain PCB ballasts.

Halocarbon-Containing Equipment: A refrigerator was observed in the corridor near Room 416.

Suspect Visible Mould: No suspect mould-impacted building materials were observed in the assessed area.

Recommendations

We recommend the following on the basis of the findings of the designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) outlined in this report

General

1. Ensure that all asbestos-containing materials identified not impacted by the proposed renovations are managed in place. Ontario Regulation 278/05 Regulation Respecting Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations provides guidance in asbestos management programs including risk assessment, development of safe work procedures, worker instructions, development and implementation of Asbestos Management Plans and record keeping.
2. O. Reg. 278/05 requires the owner to give any other person who is an occupier of the building written notice of any information in the survey record that relates to the area occupied by the person; and to give any employer with whom the owner arranges or contracts for work written notice of the information in the survey record if the work may involve material mentioned in the record, or may be carried out in close proximity to such material; and advise the workers employed by the owner who work in the building of the information if the workers may do work that involves the material, or is to be carried out in close proximity to such materials.
3. If any potential asbestos-containing materials that have not been tested for asbestos may be affected by maintenance or other work activities, they should be tested prior to their disturbance or assumed to contain asbestos and handled accordingly.
4. If work activities may cause exposure to lead in paint, develop an exposure control plan, write safe work procedures and implement controls in accordance with MLITSD Guideline – Lead on Construction Projects, April 2011.
5. If silica-containing materials will be affected by sanding, drilling, chipping, grinding, cutting, sawing, sweeping or blasting, the measures and procedures outlined in the Ontario Ministry of Labour,

Immigration, Training and Skills Development Guideline, Silica on Construction Projects, April 2011, should be followed.

6. Provide this report and the detailed plans and specifications to the contractor prior to bidding or commencing work.
7. Retain a qualified consultant to specify, inspect and verify the successful removal of hazardous materials.
8. Update the asbestos inventory upon completion of the abatement and removal of asbestos-containing materials.

Renovation Work Involving Hazardous Materials

1. Prepare plans and performance specifications for hazardous building materials handling and removal required for the planned renovation work. The specifications should include the scope of work, safe work practices, personal protective equipment, respiratory protection, and disposal of waste materials. Provide this report and the detailed plans and specifications to the contractor prior to bidding or commencing work.
2. Remove all asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in the designated work area prior to renovation, alteration, maintenance or demolition work. If the identified ACM will not be removed prior to commencement of the work, disturbance of ACM must follow the appropriate asbestos precautions for the classification of work being performed. Asbestos-containing materials must be disposed of at a landfill approved to accept asbestos waste.
3. Test PACM if impacted by the proposed renovations or demolition. If PACM is not tested, it must be treated as ACM.
4. If work activities may cause exposure to paint containing elevated levels of lead, conduct a risk assessment for exposure, develop an exposure control plan, write safe work procedures, and implement controls. The Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Guideline, Lead on Construction Projects provides guidance in assessment and control of lead exposure, which can be used as a guide for other metals.
5. If silica-containing materials will be affected by sanding, drilling, chipping, grinding, cutting, sawing, sweeping, demolition or blasting, develop a silica exposure control plan to address control methods and personal protective equipment requirements in order to reduce worker exposure to a level as low as reasonably achievable below the occupational exposure limit prescribed in the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. Guidance is provided in the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Guideline, Silica on Construction Projects. Silica control methods can include construction of barriers or enclosure systems to restrict access to and contain the work area; the use of wet methods; local exhaust ventilation when practical; and the use of personnel protective equipment.
6. Recycle and reclaim mercury from fluorescent lamps and thermostats when taken out of service. Do not break lamps or separate liquid mercury from components. Liquid mercury is classified as a hazardous waste and must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

7. When light fixtures are removed from service, ensure a qualified person examines the light ballasts for PCB content. If ballasts are not clearly labelled as “non-PCB” or are suspected to contain PCBs, package, and ship ballasts for destruction at a federally permitted facility. Liquid in oil transformers should be sampled for classification purposes. Capacitors suspected to contain PCBs must be disposed of as hazardous waste when removed from service. Dispose of non-liquid PCB materials as hazardous waste when they are removed from the building.
8. Remove and recover refrigerants prior to disposal in compliance with provincial Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons, O. Reg. 463/10 and Federal Halocarbon Regulations, 2022, SOR/2022-110 regulations. Use certified persons to perform this work. Before dismantling, decommissioning or destroying any system, the following will occur:
 - i. Recover all halocarbons contained in the system into a container designed and manufactured to be refilled and to contain that specific type of halocarbon.
 - ii. Affix a notice to the system before dismantling, decommissioning, or destruction; and
 - iii. Keep a record of the information on the notice.

Please refer to Section 4.0 of this report for detailed recommendations regarding administrative, renovation or demolition activities.

Findings of this report are subject to our standard Limitations, as outlined in Section 6.0.

This Executive Summary is subject to the same standard limitations as contained in the report and must be read in conjunction with the entire report.

1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc. (Arcadis) was retained by the City of Barrie to conduct a pre-renovation designated substances and hazardous materials survey (DSHMS) of the Level 4 of the City Hall located at 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario.

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The project consisted of a limited intrusive assessment of the fourth level of the building as shown on the floor plan included in Appendix D.

Arcadis performed the assessment on September 15, 2025. The assessment was conducted by [REDACTED], B.Sc., IHT, Senior Industrial Hygienist of Arcadis.

1.2 Scope of Work

The scope of work for the project, as referenced in the Arcadis proposal dated July 22, 2025, identifies the requirement to conduct a DSHMS on Level 4 of City Hall. Specifically, the scope of work included:

- Review of previous documents related to the work, including floor plans and previous reports.
- Development of sampling strategy to address any identified gaps.
- Conduct initial walk-through inspection to visually identify potential designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs).
- Conduct a comprehensive, limited intrusive DSHMS on interior finishes of the site.
- Submit representative samples of suspect materials identified to accredited laboratories for analysis.
- Evaluation and interpretation of field findings and sample analytical results to develop conclusions and recommendations pertaining to designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) identified and to provide a summary of the locations of DSHMs.

For the purpose of this assessment, designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) are defined as follows:

- Asbestos-containing materials (ACM)
- Lead in Paint
- Lead Products
- Silica

- Mercury
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
- Halocarbon-Containing Equipment (HCE)
- Suspect visible mould
- Other designated substances (vinyl chloride, acrylonitrile, isocyanates, benzene, arsenic, ethylene oxide and coke oven emissions)

The assessment was restricted to accessible locations of Level 4. Limited finishes (carpet) were lifted where possible, to assess area and materials beneath it. Solid ceiling and walls were investigated where access hatches were present. No direct entry was made into the spaces. Roof access and assessment was not included as part of the DSHMS.

A general description of the building included in this DSHMS is provided in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Building Description

Building Name	Address	Total Inside Gross m ²	Year Constructed	Floor Description
Barrie City Hall – Level 4	70 Collier Street, Barrie, ON	~725 sq. m	1972	Interior finishes of the study area include concrete slab with carpet, vinyl flooring and ceramic tiles, drywall walls and ceramic wall tiles, suspended ceiling tiles and ceiling texture coat. Heating, air conditioning and ventilation is supplied by air ducts.

2 Background Information

Arcadis was provided the following report:

- Report titled *Designated Substances and Hazardous Materials Survey – Barrie City Hall, 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario*, dated January 2014, prepared by Decommissioning Consulting Services Limited (DCS), now Arcadis.

2.1 Exclusions

Various areas were not accessed as they were reported to not be included in the scope of work.

Table 2: Exclusions

Item	Reason
Elevators	Not included in the scope of work

Item	Reason
Electrical Room	Not included in the scope of work
Custodial Room (Room F-4) accessed from the Men's Washroom	Not included in the scope of work

In addition, it was reported by [REDACTED] that the perimeter windows were not affected by the current renovation project.

3 Results

The following section summarizes the findings of the assessment and provides a general description of the designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) identified, approximate quantity and their locations. Site Photographs are provided in Appendix B. Laboratory certificates of analysis are provided in Appendix C. A floor plan is provided in Appendix D. Appendix E provides information on applicable regulations and guidelines. Refer to Appendix F for the survey methodology.

3.1 Asbestos

During the course of our assessment, representative bulk samples of material were collected by Arcadis staff. The samples were forwarded to EMSL in Mississauga, ON for asbestos analyses. EMSL holds a current Certificate of Accreditation for Bulk Asbestos Fibre Analysis under the Voluntary Accreditation Program (NVLAP). Bulk sampling was performed in general accordance with the requirements specified in the ASTM E2356 Standard, and O. Reg. 278/05 Please refer to the Asbestos Summary Table in Appendix A for additional details.

3.1.1 Suspect Building Materials Not Found

The following types of building materials may historically contain asbestos but were not observed in the assessed area and are not discussed in the report findings:

- Cement products
- Fireproofing
- Firestopping
- Plaster
- Vermiculite
- Vinyl sheet flooring

3.1.2 Texture Finishes (Acoustic/Decorative)

Texture finish is present on the drywall ceiling in Elevator Lobby 400A. The material was sampled and determined to be non-asbestos (Samples 3-A to 3-C).

Table 3: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Ceiling Texture Coat

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type
Ceiling Texture Coat	Elevator Lobby 400A	3-A	None Detected (PLM)
Ceiling Texture Coat	Elevator Lobby 400A	3-B	None Detected (PLM)
Ceiling Texture Coat	Elevator Lobby 400A	3-C	None Detected (PLM)

3.1.3 Thermal Systems Insulation (TSI)

3.1.3.1 Pipe Insulation

Pipes and fittings are insulated with non-asbestos fibreglass.

3.1.3.2 Duct Insulation

Ducts are insulated with non-asbestos fibreglass and jacketed with foil or not insulated.

3.1.3.3 Mechanical Equipment Insulation

Mechanical equipment was not observed in the assessed area.

3.1.4 Vermiculite

No masonry walls were observed in the assessed area.

3.1.5 Ceiling Tiles

One distinct type of ceiling tile (CT) is present on Level 4. The ceiling tiles were sampled and determined to be non-asbestos (Samples 2-A to 2-C).

Table 4: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Ceiling Tiles

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type
(2' x 4') Dotted Ceiling Tile	Room 424	2-A	None Detected (PLM)
(2' x 4') Dotted Ceiling Tile	Corridor, Women's Washroom	2-B	None Detected (PLM)
(2' x 4') Dotted Ceiling Tile	North Open Area	2-C	None Detected (PLM)

3.1.6 Drywall Joint Compound

Drywall with drywall joint compound (DWJC) is present as a wall and ceiling finish throughout Level 4. The DWJC was sampled and determined to be asbestos-containing (Samples 1-A to 1-G). Drywall joint compound is considered to be non-friable and is in good condition. There are approximately 1,200 square metres of drywall with drywall joint compound.

Table 5: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Drywall Joint Compound

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type
Drywall Joint Compound	Elevator Lobby 400A	1-A	None Detected (PLM)
Drywall Joint Compound	Room 408	1-B	1% Chrysotile (PLM)
Drywall Joint Compound	Room 414	1-C	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)
Drywall Joint Compound	Room 418	1-D	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)
Drywall Joint Compound	Room 422	1-E	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)
Drywall Joint Compound	Corridor at Room 427	1-F	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)
Drywall Joint Compound	Room 430	1-G	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

3.1.7 Vinyl Floor Tile and Mastic

One type of vinyl floor tile (VFT) was observed below carpeting in Room 418. The tiles and mastic were sampled (Samples 6-A to 6-C). The tiles were determined to be asbestos-containing. There are approximately 12 square metres of vinyl floor tiles in Room 418. The tiles are installed over a cement substrate. The leveler was sampled and was determined to be non-asbestos. The vinyl floor tiles and mastic/leveler are non-friable and are in good condition.

Mastic/leveler was analyzed for asbestos content where it was present on the tiles, however a comprehensive testing program for mastic/leveler was not performed.

Table 6: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Vinyl Floor Tiles and Mastic

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type (tile)	Asbestos Type (mastic)
(12" x 12") vinyl floor tile below carpet	Room 418	6-A	0.96% Chrysotile (PLM)	None Detected (PLM)
(12" x 12") vinyl floor tile below carpet	Room 418	6-B	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)	None Detected (PLM)
(12" x 12") vinyl floor tile below carpet	Room 418	6-C	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)	None Detected (PLM)

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type (tile)	Asbestos Type (mastic)
(12" x 12") vinyl floor tile below carpet	Room 418	6-B		None Detected (PLM) – Leveler
(12" x 12") vinyl floor tile below carpet	Room 418	6-C		None Detected (PLM) – Leveler

Several locations under carpeting were inspected through the Fourth Floor for the presence of vinyl floor tiles. Vinyl floor tiles may be present below carpeting at other locations on the Fourth Floor.

3.1.8 Tar/Caulking

Black tar/caulking was observed along the upper perimeter of Level 4. The tar/caulking was sampled and determined to be asbestos-containing (Samples 4-A to 4-C). The tar/caulking is non-friable and is in good condition. There is approximately 120 linear metres of caulking present.

Table 7: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Tar/Caulking

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type
Upper Perimeter Black Tar/Caulking	Room 417	4-A	2.2% Chrysotile (PLM)
Upper Perimeter Black Tar/Caulking	Room 424	4-B	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)
Upper Perimeter Black Tar/Caulking	North Open Area	4-C	Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

3.1.9 Carpet Mastic

Carpet mastic is present throughout Level 4. The mastic was sampled and determined to be non-asbestos (Samples 5-A to 5-C).

Table 8: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Carpet Mastic

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type
Carpet Mastic	Room 430	5-A	None Detected None Detected (TEM)
Carpet Mastic	Corridor at Room 417	5-B	None Detected
Carpet Mastic	North Open Area	5-C	None Detected

3.1.10 Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed

Ceramic wall tiles were observed in the Men's and Women's Washrooms. The grout/mortar bed was sampled and determined to be non-asbestos (Samples 7-A to 7-C). Mastic is non-friable and is in good condition. as follows:

Table 9: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Asbestos in Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed

Sample Description	Location	Sample Number	Asbestos Type
(1" x 1") Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed	Men's Washroom	7-A	None Detected (PLM)
(1" x 1") Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed	Men's Washroom	7-B	None Detected (PLM)
(1" x 1") Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed	Women's Washroom	7-C	None Detected (PLM)

The ceramic wall tiles are in good condition.

3.1.11 Potentially Asbestos-Containing Materials

A number of materials which might contain asbestos were not sampled during the assessment due to limitations in scope and methodology. Where present, these materials are considered to be potentially asbestos-containing materials (PACM) until otherwise proven by sampling and analysis. Materials that potentially contain asbestos include:

- electrical components or wiring within control centers, breakers, motors or lights, insulation on wiring
- cast iron bell and spigot fittings mechanical packing, ropes

3.2 Paint

During the course of our site investigation, two bulk samples of predominant paint types were collected by Arcadis staff. The samples were forwarded to EMSL in Mississauga, ON for analyses for lead content. EMSL holds a current Certificate of Accreditation for Lead in Paint under the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA). Results of bulk sample analysis in paint content are provided in the table below.

Table 10: Results of Analyses of Bulk Samples for Lead in Paint

Sample ID	Sample Location	Substrate Material	Sample Description	Condition	Analytical Results (ppm)
					Lead (90 ppm)
P-1	Room 415	Drywall	Maroon wall paint	Good	<64
P-2	Room 430	Drywall	Grey wall paint	Good	<64

Where one colour of paint is indicated in the sample descriptions in the table above, only one layer of paint was observed. Similarly painted areas throughout the building are presumed to contain lead at the same concentrations as noted above.

3.3 Lead Products

Materials presumed to contain lead were observed in the assessed area including:

- Electrical components including wiring connectors, grounding conductors, and solder.
- glazing on ceramic tiles, in the solder (in buildings built pre-1986) on the seals of bell joints of any cast iron drainpipe and in the solder on the sweated-on joints between copper pipe and fittings.

3.4 Silica

Crystalline silica is a presumed component of the following materials where present on Level 4: concrete, drywall, drywall joint compound, ceiling texture coat and ceramics where present in the assessed area

- concrete
- drywall
- drywall joint compound
- ceiling tiles
- ceiling texture coat
- ceramic tiles, mortar and grout

3.5 Mercury

Mercury vapor is present in fluorescent lamps where present in the assessed area.

3.6 Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Based on visual observations (evidence of T-8 fixtures), the building has been comprehensively re-lamped and will likely not contain PCB ballasts.

3.7 Halocarbon-Containing Equipment (HCE)

Equipment suspected to potentially contain halocarbons was limited to a refrigerator stored in the corridor near Room 416.

Table 11: Halocarbon-Containing Equipment

Equipment Type	Location(s)	HCE Type	Weight (kgs)
Refrigerator	Corridor at Room 416	Unknown	Unknown

3.8 Suspect Visible Mould

Suspect visible mould and/or water staining was not observed during the assessment.

3.9 Other Designated Substances

No products or materials which could contain any of the other designated substances (benzene, isocyanates, arsenic, ethylene oxide and coke oven emissions) and which are present in a form that could present an exposure hazard, were observed during the course of the site assessment.

4 Recommendations

We recommend the following on the basis of the findings of the designated substances and hazardous materials (DSHMs) outlined in this report

4.1 General

1. Ensure that all asbestos-containing materials identified not impacted by the proposed renovations are managed in place. Ontario Regulation 278/05 Regulation Respecting Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations provides guidance in asbestos management programs including risk assessment, development of safe work procedures, worker instructions, development and implementation of Asbestos Management Plans and record keeping.
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6. Provide this report and the detailed plans and specifications to the contractor prior to bidding or commencing work.

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8. Update the asbestos inventory upon completion of the abatement and removal of asbestos-containing materials.

4.2 Renovation Work Involving Hazardous Materials

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5. If silica-containing materials will be affected by sanding, drilling, chipping, grinding, cutting, sawing, sweeping, demolition or blasting, develop a silica exposure control plan to address control methods and personal protective equipment requirements in order to reduce worker exposure to a level as low as reasonably achievable below the occupational exposure limit prescribed in the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. Guidance is provided in the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Guideline, Silica on Construction Projects. Silica control methods can include construction of barriers or enclosure systems to restrict access to and contain the work area; the use of wet methods; local exhaust ventilation when practical; and the use of personnel protective equipment.
6. Recycle and reclaim mercury from fluorescent lamps and thermostats when taken out of service. Do not break lamps or separate liquid mercury from components. Liquid mercury is classified as a hazardous waste and must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.
7. When light fixtures are removed from service, ensure a qualified person examines the light ballasts for PCB content. If ballasts are not clearly labelled as “non-PCB” or are suspected to contain PCBs, package, and ship ballasts for destruction at a federally permitted facility. Liquid in oil transformers should be sampled for classification purposes. Capacitors suspected to contain PCBs must be

disposed of as hazardous waste when removed from service. Dispose of non-liquid PCB materials as hazardous waste when they are removed from the building.

8. Remove and recover refrigerants prior to disposal in compliance with provincial Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons, O. Reg. 463/10 and Federal Halocarbon Regulations, 2022, SOR/2022-110 regulations. Use certified persons to perform this work. Before dismantling, decommissioning or destroying any system, the following will occur:
 - i. Recover all halocarbons contained in the system into a container designed and manufactured to be refilled and to contain that specific type of halocarbon.
 - ii. Affix a notice to the system before dismantling, decommissioning, or destruction; and
 - iii. Keep a record of the information on the notice.

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Appendix A

Asbestos Summary Table

APPENDIX A: Asbestos Summary Table Materials Confirmed and Presumed to be Asbestos-Containing							
Sample Number	Location(s)	Sample Description	Quantity	Condition	Friable (Y/N)	Concentration/Type of Asbestos	Remedial Recommendations
1-B	Throughout Fourth Floor assessed area	Drywall joint compound	~1,200 sq. m	G	N	1% Chrysotile	Type 1 Asbestos Procedures if less than 1 sq. m; Type 2 Asbestos Procedures if greater than 1 sq. m
4-A	Along the upper perimeter of the Fourth Floor above ceiling tiles	Black tar/caulking	~120 linear m	G	N	2.2% Chrysotile	Type 1 asbestos procedures without power tools, Type 2 asbestos procedures with power tools attached to dust collecting devices equipped with HEPA filters, or Type 3 asbestos procedures with power tools. Type 2 Asbestos Procedures if greater than 1 sq. m
6-A	Room 418	Vinyl floor tiles	~12 sq. m	G	N	0.96% Chrysotile	Type 1 asbestos procedures without power tools, Type 2 asbestos procedures with power tools attached to dust collecting devices equipped with HEPA filters, or Type 3 asbestos procedures with power tools.

Condition and Access based on the criteria presented in the Survey Methodology in Appendix F

Appendix B

Site Photographs

Photograph Log

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Photograph 1 – Room 430 showing typical drywall walls with asbestos-containing drywall joint compound.



Photograph 2 – North Open Area. Room 418 (at top of picture) has vinyl asbestos tiles below carpet.



Photograph 3 – Elevator Lobby



Photograph 4 – Corridor at Room 416 showing refrigerator.



Photograph 5 – Typical space between drywall walls.



Photograph 6 – Asbestos-containing black tar/caulking.

Appendix C

Laboratory Certificates of Analysis



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Client Sample ID: 1-A Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0001
Sample Description: Elevator Lobby 400A - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 1-B Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0002
Sample Description: Room 408 - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Beige	0.0%	99.0%	1% Chrysotile	

Client Sample ID: 1-C Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0003
Sample Description: Room 414 - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 1-D Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0004
Sample Description: Room 418 - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 1-E Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0005
Sample Description: Room 422 - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 1-F Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0006
Sample Description: Corridor At Room 427 - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 1-G Lab Sample ID: 552516467-0007
Sample Description: Room 430 - Drywall Joint Compound

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)



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Client Sample ID: 2-A **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0008

Sample Description: Room 424 - (2' X 4') Dotted Ceiling Tile

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Gray	80.0%	20.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 2-B **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0009

Sample Description: Corridor At Women's Washroom - (2' X 4') Dotted Ceiling Tile

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Gray	80.0%	20.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 2-C **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0010

Sample Description: North Open Area - (2' X 4') Dotted Ceiling Tile

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Gray	80.0%	20.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 3-A **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0011

Sample Description: Elevator Lobby 400A - Ceiling Texture Coat

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 3-B **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0012

Sample Description: Elevator Lobby 400A - Ceiling Texture Coat

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 3-C **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0013

Sample Description: Elevator Lobby 400A - Ceiling Texture Coat

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 4-A **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0014

Sample Description: Room 417 - Upper Perimeter Black Tar/Caulking

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025	Black	0.0%	97.8%	2.2% Chrysotile	
TEM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 4-B **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0015

Sample Description: Room 424 - Upper Perimeter Black Tar/Caulking

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)



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Client Sample ID: 4-C **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0016

Sample Description: North Open Area - Upper Perimeter Black Tar/Caulking

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 5-A **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0017

Sample Description: Room 430 - Carpet Mastic

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025	Black/Yellow	0.0%	100%	None Detected	
TEM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025	Black/Yellow	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 5-B **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0018

Sample Description: Corridor At Room 417 - Carpet Mastic

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Yellow	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 5-C **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0019

Sample Description: North Open Area - Carpet Mastic

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Yellow	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 6-A-Vinyl Floor Tile **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0020

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	99.0%	0.96% Chrysotile	
TEM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 6-A-Mastic **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0020A

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025	Yellow/Beige	0.0%	100%	None Detected	
TEM Grav. Reduction	9/23/2025	Yellow/Beige	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 6-B-Vinyl Floor Tile **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0021

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025					Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)

Client Sample ID: 6-B-Mastic **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0021A

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Black	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	



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Client Sample ID: 6-B-Leveler **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0021B

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Beige	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 6-C-Vinyl Floor Tile **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0022

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025				Positive Stop (Not Analyzed)	

Client Sample ID: 6-C-Mastic **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0022A

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Black	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 6-C-Leveler **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0022B

Sample Description: Room 418 - (12" X 12") Vinyl Floor Tile And Mastic Under Carpet

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	Beige	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 7-A **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0023

Sample Description: Men's Washroom - (1" X 1") Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 7-B **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0024

Sample Description: Men's Washroom - (1" X 1") Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	

Client Sample ID: 7-C **Lab Sample ID:** 552516467-0025

Sample Description: Women's Washroom - (1" X 1") Ceramic Wall Tile Grout/Mortar Bed

TEST	Analyzed Date	Color	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos	Comment
			Fibrous	Non-Fibrous		
PLM	9/23/2025	White	0.0%	100.0%	None Detected	



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P-1 552516408-0001		9/15/2025	9/16/2025	0.2524 g	64 ppm	<64 ppm
	Site: Room 415 - maroon wall paint on drywall					
P-1 552516408-0002		9/15/2025	9/16/2025	0.2534 g	64 ppm	<64 ppm
	Site: Room 430 - grey wall paint on drywall					

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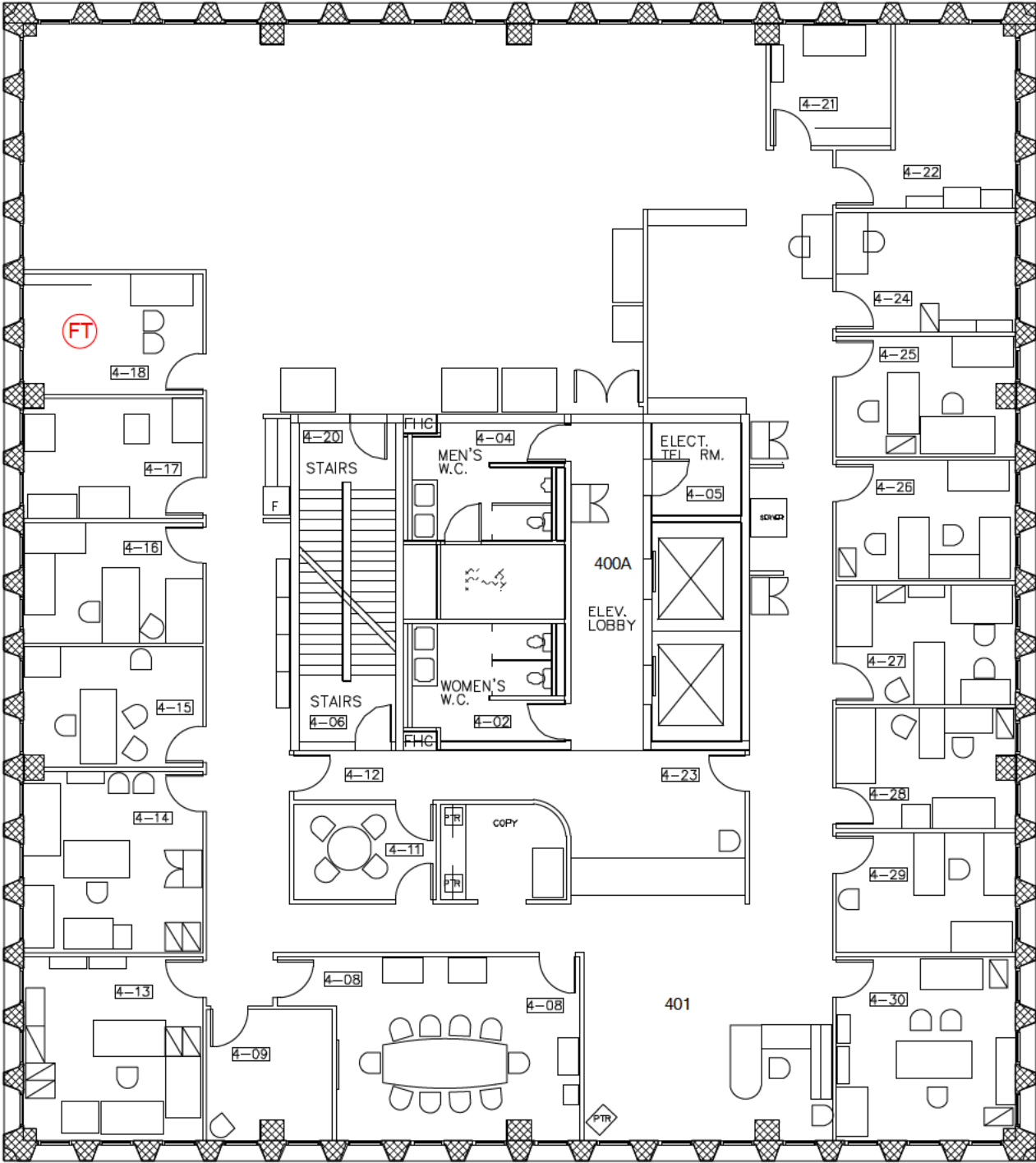
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Appendix D

Floor Plan



LEGEND

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ASBESTOS-CONTAINING VINYL FLOOR TILE
- THROUGHOUT FUNCTIONAL SPACE
- ASBESTOS-CONTAINING TAR/CAULKING LOCATED ABOVE CEILING TILES

- NOTES:
1.

ALL DRYWALL JOINT COMPOUND ASSUMED TO BE ASBESTOS-CONTAINING
2.

ASBESTOS -CONTAINING VINYL FLOOR TILES MAY BE PRESENT AT OTHER LOCATIONS ON THE FLOOR

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FIGURE 1	

Appendix E

Regulations and Guidelines

The management and requirements for the potential disturbance of asbestos in buildings is also regulated at the provincial level under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), and Regulation 278/05 – *Designated Substance – Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations*

Disposal of asbestos waste (friable and non-friable materials) is governed by Ontario Regulation 278/05 and by R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 347: General - Waste Management. O.Reg. 278/05 classifies asbestos work operations into three types (Type 1, 2 and 3), and specifies procedures to be followed in conducting asbestos abatement work. The Federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulation set out the requirements for the proper transport of asbestos waste in Ontario.

Paint

In Canada, the Surface Coating Materials Regulations (SOR/2016-193) under the federal Hazardous Products Act provides a concentration of metals that must not be exceeded in surface coatings that are presently sold in this country. Where no criteria is listed, the laboratory detection limit is used.

The *National Plumbing Code* allowed lead as an acceptable material for pipes until 1975 and in solder until 1986.

The Ministry of Labour *Guideline, Lead on Construction Projects*, dated April 2011, provides guidance in the measures and procedures that should be followed when handling lead containing materials during construction projects. In the guideline, lead-containing construction operations are classified into three groups – Type 1 (low risk), Type 2 (medium risk) and Type 3 (high risk) based on presumed airborne concentrations of lead. Any operation that may expose a worker to lead that is not a Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3b operation, is classified as a Type 3a operation.

The *Environmental Abatement Council of Canada (EACC) Lead Guideline* for Construction, Renovation, Maintenance or Repair, October 2014, states the following:

- Paints or coatings containing less than or equal to 0.1% lead by weight (1,000 ppm) are considered low-level lead paints. If these materials are disturbed in a non-aggressive manner, performed using normal dust control procedures, then worker protection from the inhalation of lead is not required.
- Paints or coatings containing between 0.1% and 0.5% (5,000 ppm) lead by weight are considered lead-containing paints. Tasks performed that disturb these materials must be completed using precautionary measures and procedures specified in the guideline.
- Construction operations involving lead-based paints with concentrations greater than 0.5% lead must always be completed in accordance with precautionary measures and procedures specified in the guideline.

For building materials that are to be disposed at a landfill, all lead-based paints and associated substrate (concrete, plaster, wood, etc.) must undergo Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Properties (TCLP) testing to determine disposal procedures. The disposal of lead-containing paint is regulated under the Federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations and by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

PCB

The management of equipment classified as waste and containing Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) at concentrations of 50 parts per million (mg/kg) or greater is regulated by Ontario Regulation 362, *Waste Management – PCBs*. Under this regulation, PCB waste is defined as any waste material containing PCBs in concentrations of 50 mg/kg or greater. Any equipment containing PCBs at or greater than this level, such as transformers, switchgear, light ballasts and capacitors, which is removed from service due to age, failure or as a result of decommissioning, is considered to constitute a PCB waste. Although current federal legislation (effective 1 July 1980) has prohibited

the manufacture and sale of new equipment containing PCBs since that time, continued operation of equipment supplied prior to this date and containing PCBs is still permitted. Handling, storage and disposition of such equipment is, however, tightly regulated and must be managed in accordance with provincial and federal government requirements as soon as it is taken out of service or becomes unserviceable

Removal of in-service equipment containing PCBs, such as fluorescent light ballasts, capacitors and transformers, is subject to the requirements of the federal *PCB Regulations* (discussed below).

The *PCB Regulations*, which came into force on 5 September 2008, were made under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, 1999 (CEPA 1999) with the objective of addressing the risks posed by the use, storage and release to the environment of PCBs, and to accelerate their destruction. The *PCB Regulations* set different end-of-use deadlines for equipment containing PCBs at various concentration levels.

The Regulations Amending the PCB Regulations and Repealing the Federal Mobile PCB Treatment and Destruction Regulations were published on 23 April 2014, in the Canada Gazette, Part II, and came into force on 1 January 2015. The most notable part of the amendments is the addition of an end-of-use deadline date of 31 December 2025 for specific electrical equipment located at electrical generation, transmission and distribution facilities.

When the PCB materials are classified as waste, jurisdiction falls under the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and O.Reg. 362. All remedial and PCB management work must be carried out under the terms of a Director's Instruction issued by a MOECC District Office (for quantities of PCB fluid greater than 50 litres). The PCB waste stream, regardless of quantity, must be registered with the MOECC, in accordance with O.Reg. 347, *General - Waste Management*. O.Reg. 362 applies to any equipment containing greater than 1 kg of PCBs.

The Federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulation sets out the requirements for the proper transport of PCB waste across provincial boundaries.

Suspect Visible Mould

At present, there are no specific laws or regulations governing acceptable levels of mould in buildings. The lack of specific regulatory standards is due in part to an inability to establish exposure-response relationships. Variation in individual susceptibility, limitations in sampling and analytical techniques, and the vast number of fungal agents and their products make it difficult to establish safe levels of exposure for all individuals. With a lack of defined exposure criteria, current Health Canada and other agency guidelines on the assessment and control of mould contamination in public buildings are largely based on prudent avoidance (i.e., remove any indoor growth or amplification site of mould, regardless of the concentration of moulds or their products in the indoor environment).

Although there are currently no regulations in Canada pertaining specifically to mould in buildings, occupational health and safety regulations typically require employers to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of workers.

Control of exposure to mould is required under Section 25(2)(h) of the Ontario *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, which states that employers shall take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of workers. Recommended work practices are outlined in the following documents:

- Canadian Construction Association. Mould Guidelines for the Canadian Construction Industry. Standard Construction Document CCA 82 2004.
- Environmental Abatement Council of Canada (EACC) Mould Abatement Guideline Edition 3, 2015.

Mercury

In Canada, the Surface Coating Materials Regulations (SOR/2005-109) under the federal *Hazardous Products Act* provides a concentration of mercury that must not be exceeded in surface coatings that are presently sold in this country. This value was set at 10 ppm in 2005. However, it is important to note that there is not a direct correlation between the concentration of mercury in a material to the potential occupational exposure if the material is disturbed.

Waste light tubes generated during renovations or building demolition and waste mercury from equipment must either be recycled or disposed of in accordance with the requirements of Ont. Reg. 347 - *Waste Management, General*. Waste mercury in amounts less than 5 kg (per month) are exempt from the generator registration requirements prescribed by O.Reg. 347 – *Waste Management – General*. Waste mercury from mercury switches or gauges should, however, be properly collected and shipped to a recycling facility or disposed of as a hazardous waste. Removal of mercury-containing equipment (e.g., switches, gauges, controls, etc.) should be carried out in a manner which prevents spillage and exposure to workers.

Silica

The Ministry of Labour *Guideline, Silica on Construction Projects*, dated April 2011, provides guidance in controlling exposure to silica dust during construction activities. In the guideline, silica-containing construction operations are classified into three groups - Type 1 (low risk), Type 2 (medium risk) and Type 3 (high risk) based on presumed airborne concentrations of respirable crystalline silica in the form of cristobalite, tridymite, quartz and tripoli.

Additional precautionary measures should also be implemented for certain types of materials (e.g., plaster and texture coat materials, including non-asbestos applications, concrete block, etc.). For minor disturbances such as drilling, a HEPA-filtered attachment should be used. For removal of more than a minor amount of material, enclosures should be constructed for dust control and separation of the work area from adjacent areas.

Other Designated Substances

Vinyl chloride vapours may be released from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) products in the event of heating or as a result of decomposition during fire. PVC is used in numerous materials that may be found in building construction, including, for example, piping, conduits, siding, window and door frames, plastics, garden hoses, flooring and wire and cable protection.

Acrylonitrile is used to produce nitrile-butadiene rubber, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) polymers and styrene-acrylonitrile (SAN) polymers. Products made with ABS resins which may be found in buildings include telephones, bottles, packaging, refrigerator door liners, plastic pipe, building panels and shower stalls. Acrylonitrile can be released into the air by combustion of products containing ABS.

Isocyanates are a class of chemicals used in the manufacture of certain types of plastics, foams, coatings and other products. Isocyanate-based building construction materials may include rigid foam products such as foam-core panels and spray-on insulation and paints, coatings, sealants and adhesives. Isocyanates may be inhaled if they are present in the air in the form of a vapour, a mist or a dust.

Benzene is a clear, highly flammable liquid used mainly in the manufacture of other chemicals. The commercial use of benzene as a solvent has practically been eliminated, however it continues to be used as a solvent and reactant in laboratories.

Arsenic is a heavy metal used historically in pesticides and herbicides. The primary use in building construction materials was its use in the wood preservative chromated copper arsenate (CCA). CCA was used to pressure treat

lumber since the 1940s. Pressure-treated wood containing CCA is no longer being produced for use in most residential settings.

Ethylene oxide is a colourless gas at room temperature. It has been used primarily for the manufacture of other chemicals, as a fumigant and fungicide and for sterilization of hospital equipment.

Coke oven emissions are airborne contaminants emitted from coke ovens and are not a potential hazard associated with building construction materials.

Halocarbon Containing Equipment (HCE)

Ontario Regulation 463/10 – *Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons*, applies to the use, handling and disposal of Class 1 ozone-depleting substances, including various chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons and other halocarbons, Class 2 ozone-depleting substances, including various hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and halocarbons, and other halocarbons, including fluorocarbons (FCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (CFCs). The most significant requirements for handling of ozone-depleting substances (ODS') and other Halocarbons, which include, for example, refrigerants used in refrigeration equipment and chillers, include the following:

- certification is required for all persons testing, repairing, filling or emptying equipment containing ODS' and other halocarbons;
- the discharge of a Class 1 ODS or anything that contains a Class 1 ODS to the natural environment or within a building is prohibited;
- the making, use of, selling of or transferring of a Class 1 ODS is restricted to certain conditions;
- the discharge of a solvent or sterilant that contains a Class 2 ODS is prohibited;
- the making, use of, selling of or transferring of a solvent or sterilant that contains a Class 2 ODS is restricted to certain conditions;
- fire extinguishing equipment that contains a halon may be discharged to fight fires, except fires for firefighting training purposes;
- portable fire extinguishing equipment that contains a halon may be used or stored if the extinguisher was sold for use for the first time before 1 January 1996;
- records of the servicing and repair of equipment containing ODS' and other halocarbons must be prepared and maintained by the owner of the equipment; and
- equipment no longer containing ODS' and other halocarbons must be posted with a notice completed by a certified person.

Ontario Regulation 347, *General – Waste Management*, has also been amended to provide for more strict control of CFCs. The requirements under the amended regulation apply primarily to the keeping of records for the receipt or recycling of CFC waste.

On federal land, aboriginal land and federal works, buildings and undertakings, the Federal Halocarbon Regulations, 2022 (SOR/2022-110) applies. The regulations prohibit the release of halocarbons contained in refrigeration systems, air conditioning systems, fire extinguishers (except to fight a fire that is not a fire caused for training purposes) or containers or equipment used in the re-use, recycling, reclamation or storage of a halocarbon.

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The regulations also impose restrictions on the servicing and dismantling, disposing of or decommissioning of any system containing halocarbons and requires the recovery of halocarbons into an appropriate container by a certified person. The regulation also details an owner's record-keeping obligations.

The Federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulation set out the requirements for the proper transport of halocarbon waste in Ontario.

Appendix F

Survey Methodology

Sampling activities were conducted in accordance with Arcadis' Standard Operation Procedures which take into account current federal and provincial regulations pertaining to such work (i.e., sampling procedures, required number of samples and laboratory analytical procedures).

Representative bulk samples were collected of accessible suspect paint, and asbestos-containing materials in sufficient quantities for laboratory analysis. Samples were sealed in polyethylene zip-lock bags labeled with the sample number, suspect material description, and sample location. As part of sampling procedures, sampling tools were cleaned between sample collection events to avoid the potential for cross-contamination of samples.

All sample bags were compiled in order and placed into a single container accompanied with a chain of custody form outlining the project information, date, building location, number of samples, and sample description. Samples were submitted to the analytical laboratory in a sealed container via courier.

Asbestos

Asbestos has been widely used in buildings, both in friable applications (materials which can be crumbled, pulverized or powdered by hand pressure, when dry) such as pipe and tank insulation, sprayed-on fireproofing and acoustic texture material and in non-friable manufactured products such as floor tile, gaskets, cement board and so on. The use of asbestos in friable applications was curtailed around the mid-1970s and, as such, most buildings constructed prior to the mid to-late 1970s contain some form of friable construction material with an asbestos content. Asbestos vermiculite has been reported to be used up until about 1990. The use of asbestos in certain non-friable materials continued beyond the mid-1970s and are commonly found in buildings constructed up to and including the mid-1980s, with some materials still in production through 2018. Manufacturing, importation, and use of asbestos was banned in Canada in 2018.

A separate set of samples was collected of each type of homogenous material suspected to contain asbestos. A homogenous material is defined by the US EPA as material that is uniform in texture and appearance, was installed at one time, and is unlikely to consist of more than one type or formulation of material. The homogeneous materials are determined by visual examination, available information on the phases of the construction and prior renovations.

Bulk sampling protocols followed the ASTM E2356 Standard, which indicates requirements for the number of samples to collect for each homogeneous material. The table below provides an outline of the minimum number of samples to be collected from the ASTM E2356 Standard.

Table 12: Bulk Material Sample Quantities

Type of Material	Size of Area of Homogeneous Material	Minimum Number of Samples Collected
Any homogeneous material, including but not limited to fireproofing, drywall joint compound, ceiling tile stucco, acoustical and stipple finishes, and visually similar floor tiles	Less than 90 m ² (<1,000 ft ²)	3
	90 m ² or more, but less than 450 m ² (1,000-5,000 ft ²)	5
	450 m ² or more (>5,000 ft ²)	7

In some cases, manufactured products such as asbestos cement pipe were visually identified without sample confirmation.

Flooring mastic/adhesive were only sampled and analyzed if present on the underside of flooring samples (vinyl floor tile and vinyl sheet flooring) in sufficient quantity for laboratory analysis.

Attempts to distinguish and delineate asbestos-containing drywall compound from new non-asbestos drywall compound is often unachievable. Arcadis collected drywall joint compound samples from exterior walls, columns or other locations which are unlikely to have been renovated in an attempt to determine the presence of asbestos in the original drywall compound.

Arcadis samples roofing felts only at the Clients request. A temporary repair will be made with asphalt-based mastic and fibreglass mesh. A more permanent repair is required if the roofing or the building is to remain in use for any extended period of time. Arcadis will not be responsible or liable for leaks or water damage caused by sampling and or repair.

Arcadis conducts limited demolition of masonry block walls (core holes) to investigate for loose fill insulation. The core holes are temporarily patched with expanding foam.

Arcadis will submit the bulk samples to a NVLAP accredited laboratory for analysis. The analysis is performed in accordance with Test Method EPA/600/R-93/116: Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Building Materials, July 1993.

EPA Method 600 states that materials characterized by interfering binder/matrix or low asbestos content may require additional gravimetric reduction sample treatment beyond routine polarized light microscopy (PLM) analysis (e.g., dissolution with hydrochloric acid, treatment with organic solvents or ashing in a muffle furnace or low temperature plasma asher to remove unwanted components). Arcadis will submit one sample of each sample set (3) of vinyl floor tiles to be analyzed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) if the first two samples are reported negative by PLM.

The asbestos analysis was completed using a stop positive approach. Only one result of greater than the regulated criteria is required to determine that a material is asbestos containing, but all samples must be analyzed to conclusively determine that a material is non-asbestos. The laboratory will stop analyzing samples from a homogeneous material once greater than the criteria was detected in any of the samples of that material. All samples of a homogeneous material will be analyzed if no asbestos is detected.

Bulk samples of materials which could contain asbestos were collected and submitted to EMSL Canada Inc. (EMSL) for analysis of asbestos content. Asbestos-containing materials are defined as 0.5% or greater, or any amount if vermiculite.

Classification, Condition and Accessibility

Spray Applied Fireproofing, Insulation and Texture Finishes

To evaluate the condition of ACM spray applied as fireproofing, thermal insulation, or texture, decorative or acoustic finishes, the following criteria are applied:

GOOD

Surface of material shows no significant signs of damage, deterioration, or delamination. Up to 1 percent visible damage to surface is allowed within range of **GOOD**. Evaluation of sprayed fireproofing requires the surveyor to be familiar with the irregular surface texture typical of sprayed asbestos products. **GOOD** condition includes un-encapsulated or unpainted fireproofing or texture finishes, where no delamination or damage is observed, and encapsulated fireproofing or texture finishes where the encapsulation has been applied after the damage or fallout occurred.

POOR

Sprayed materials show signs of damage, delamination, or deterioration. More than 1 percent damage to surface of ACM spray.

In observation areas where damage exists in isolated locations, both **GOOD** and **POOR** condition may be reported. The extent or percentage of each condition will be recorded on the survey or re-assessment form.

NOTE: FAIR condition is not utilized in the evaluation of the sprayed fireproofing, sprayed insulation, or texture coat finishes.

The evaluation of ACM spray applied as fireproofing, non-mechanical thermal insulation, or texture, decorative or acoustic finishes which are present above ceilings, may be limited by the number of observations made, and by building components such as ducts or full height walls that obstruct the above ceiling observations. Persons entering the ceiling are advised to be watchful for ACM **DEBRIS** prior to accessing or working above ceilings in areas of buildings with ACM regardless of the reported condition.

Mechanical Insulation

The evaluation of the condition of mechanical insulation (on boilers, breaching, ductwork, piping, tanks, equipment etc.) utilizes the following criteria:

GOOD

Insulation is completely covered in jacketing and exhibits no evidence of damage or deterioration. No insulation is exposed. Includes conditions where the jacketing has minor surface damage (i.e., scuffs or stains), but the jacketing is not penetrated.

FAIR

Minor penetrating damage to jacketed insulation (cuts, tears, nicks, deterioration, or delamination) or undamaged insulation that has never been jacketed. Insulation is exposed but not showing surface disintegration. The extent of missing insulation ranges should be minor to none.

POOR

Original insulation jacket is missing, damaged, deteriorated, or delaminated. Insulation is exposed and significant areas have been dislodged. Damage cannot be readily repaired.

The evaluation of mechanical insulation may be limited by the number of observations made and building components such as ducts or full height walls that obstruct observations. It is not possible to observe the full length of mechanical insulation from all angles.

Non-friable and Potentially Friable Materials

Non-friable materials generally have little potential to release airborne fibres, even when damaged by mechanical breakage. However, some non-friable materials, i.e., exterior asbestos cement products, may have deteriorated so that the binder no longer effectively contains the asbestos fibres. In such cases of significantly deteriorated non-friable material, the material should be treated as a friable product.

Evaluation of Accessibility

The accessibility of building materials known or suspected of being ACM is rated according to the following criteria:

ACCESS (A)

Areas of the building within reach (from floor level) of all building users. Includes areas such as gymnasiums, workshops, and storage areas where activities of the building users may result in disturbance of ACM not normally within reach from floor level.

ACCESS (B)

Frequently entered maintenance areas within reach of maintenance staff, without the need for a ladder. Includes: frequently entered pipe chases, tunnels and service areas or areas within reach from a fixed ladder or catwalk, e.g. tops of equipment, mezzanines.

ACCESS (C) EXPOSED

Areas of the building above 2.4 metres where use of a ladder is required to reach the ACM. Only refers to ACM that is exposed to view, from the floor or ladder, without the removal or opening of other building components such as ceiling tiles, or service access door or hatch. Does not include infrequently accessed service areas of the building.

ACCESS (C) CONCEALED

Areas of the building which require the removal of a building component, including lay-in ceilings and access panels into solid ceiling systems. Includes rarely entered crawl spaces, attic spaces, etc. Observations will be limited to the extent visible from the access points.

ACCESS (D)

Areas of the building behind inaccessible solid ceiling systems, walls, or mechanical equipment, etc. where demolition of the ceiling, wall, or equipment, etc. is required to reach the ACM. Evaluation of condition and extent of ACM is limited or impossible, depending on the surveyor's ability to visually examine materials in ACCESS D.

ACM DEBRIS

DEBRIS from Friable ACM

The presence of fallen ACM is noted separately from the presumed friable ACM source (sprayed fireproofing, thermal insulation, texture, decorative or acoustic finishes or mechanical insulation) and is referred to as **DEBRIS**.

DEBRIS from Damaged Non-Friable ACM

The presence of fallen ACM from damaged non-friable ACM is also reported separately from the non-friable ACM source. Only fallen non-friable ACM that has become friable is reported as **DEBRIS**.

The identification of the exact location or presence of **DEBRIS** on the top of ceiling tiles is limited by the number of observations made and the presence of building components such as ducts or full height walls that obstruct observations. Workers are advised to be watchful for the presence of **DEBRIS** prior to accessing or working in proximity to mechanical insulation or above ceilings in areas of buildings with ACM regardless of the reported presence or absence of **DEBRIS**.

Paint

Arcadis collects samples of distinctive paint finishes and surface coatings present in more than a limited application, where removal of the paint is possible. Arcadis collects samples by scraping the painted finish to include base and covering applications. Paint and surface coatings are evaluated for condition. All paints will be analyzed for lead. At least one sample per building will be analyzed for PCBs where the age of construction is pre-1985.

When evaluating the condition of paints, an attempt is made to determine whether the deterioration is due to a moisture problem or some other existing building deficiency. “**Poor**” surfaces are considered to be a hazard and should be corrected. “**Fair**” surfaces should be repaired but are not yet considered to be a hazard; if not repaired, they should be monitored frequently. “**Good/intact**” surfaces should be monitored to ensure that they remain in a nonhazardous condition.

In addition, the presence of paint debris is considered in evaluating conditions. Given the variety of paint uses, there are many applications that can have a tendency for the paint to “wear” from the surface slowly, over an extended period of time. Conditions where paint has worn from a surface are worth noting for maintenance discussions (i.e., related to re-coating the surface should, for example, the coating provide weather protection), however, in the absence of loose paint chip debris/dust, such conditions would not represent a potential exposure situation related to lead.

The condition evaluation criteria for paints is summarized in the table below.

Table 13: Paint Condition Categories

Type of Building Component ¹	Total Area of Deteriorated Paint on Each Component		
	Good/Intact	Fair ²	Poor ³
Exterior components with large surface areas.	Entire surface is intact.	Less than or equal to 10 square feet	More than 10 square feet
Interior components with large surface areas (walls, ceilings, floors, doors.	Entire surface is intact.	Less than or equal to 2 square feet	More than 2 square feet
Interior and exterior components with small surface areas (windowsills,	Entire surface is intact.	Less than or equal to 10% of the total surface area of the	More than 10% of the total surface area of the component
NOTES: 1 Building component in this table refers to each individual component or side of building, not the combined surface area of all similar components in a room (e.g., a wall with 1 square foot of deteriorated paint is in “fair” condition, even if the other three walls in a room are intact). 2 Surfaces in “fair” condition should be repaired and/or monitored but are not considered to be “lead-containing paint hazards”. 3 Surfaces in “poor” condition are considered to be “lead-containing paint hazards” and should be addressed through abatement or interim controls.			

Analysis for lead in paints or surface coatings is performed in accordance with US EPA SW-846 Method No. 3050B/Method No. 7000B; Flame Atomic Absorption (FAA) at an accredited laboratory by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). For the purpose of this report a criterion of 90 ppm will be used to define lead-based paint.

Lead Products

Lead is a heavy metal that can be found in construction materials such as paints, coatings, mortar, concrete, pipes, solder, packings, sheet metal, caulking, glazed ceramic products and cable splices. Lead building products were identified by visual observation only.

Silica

Silica exists in several forms of which crystalline silica is of most concern with respect to potential worker exposures. Quartz is the most abundant type of crystalline silica. Some commonly used construction materials containing silica include brick, refractory brick, concrete, concrete block, cement, mortar, rock and stone, sand, fill dirt, topsoil and asphalt containing rock or stone.

Arcadis identified building materials suspected of containing crystalline silica (e.g., concrete, cement, tile, brick, masonry, mortar) by knowledge of current and historic applications and visual inspection only. Arcadis did not perform sampling of these materials for laboratory analysis of crystalline silica content.

Mercury

Mercury has been used in electrical equipment such as alkaline batteries, fluorescent light bulbs (lamps), high intensity discharge (HID) lights (mercury vapour, high pressure sodium and metal halide), “silent switches” and in instruments such as thermometers, manometers and barometers, pressure gauges, float and level switches and flow meters. Mercury-containing lamps, the bulk of which are 1.22 m (four feet) fluorescent lamps contain between 7 and 40 mg of mercury each. Mercury compounds have also been used historically as additives in latex paint to protect the paint from mildew and bacteria during production and storage.

Building materials/products/equipment suspected to contain mercury were identified by visual inspection only. Dismantling of equipment suspected of containing mercury was not performed. Mercury spills or damaged mercury-containing equipment were recorded where observed.

Other Designated Substances

Any products or materials observed during the course of the site inspections, which could contain any of the other designated substances (vinyl chloride, Acrylonitrile, isocyanates, benzene, arsenic, ethylene oxide and coke oven emissions) and which are present in a form that could present an exposure hazard, were documented.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

In most institutional, commercial facilities and in smaller industrial facilities, the primary source of equipment potentially containing PCBs is fluorescent and H.I.D. light ballasts. Small transformers may also be present. In larger industrial facilities, larger transformers and switch gear containing, or potentially containing, PCBs may also be present.

PCBs were also commonly added to industrial paints from the 1940s to the late 1970s. PCBs were added directly to the paint mixture to act as a fungicide, to increase durability and flexibility, to improve resistance to fires and to increase moisture resistance. The use of PCBs in new products was banned in Canada in the 1970s. PCB amended paints were used in specialty industrial/institutional applications prior to the 1970s including government buildings and equipment such as industrial plants, radar sites, ships as well as non-government rail cars, ships, grain bins, automobiles and appliances.

Arcadis determined the potential for light ballast and wet transformers to contain PCBs based on the age of the building, a review of maintenance records and examination of labels or nameplates on equipment, where present and accessible. The information was compared to known ban dates of PCBs and Environment Canada publications. Dry type transformers were presumed to be free of dielectric fluids and hence non-PCB. Arcadis recorded spills or leakage of suspect PCB-containing fluids where observed or identified in historical documents. Fluids (mineral oil, hydraulic or Askaral) in transformers, capacitors or other equipment are not sampled for PCB content. Capacitors which were installed in 1980 or earlier are assumed to contain PCBs.

Window, door, penetration, and expansion caulking were sampled for PCB content in buildings older than 1985. The material was considered a PCB solid if PCB content is 50ppm or greater based on the threshold given in PCB Regulations, SOR/2008-273.

Halocarbon-Containing Equipment (HCE)

Arcadis determines the potential presence of halocarbons (chlorofluorocarbons, hydrochlorofluorocarbons, hydrofluorocarbons, halons, etc.) in air conditioning units, chillers, commercial coolers, and fire suppression systems by visual inspection of manufactures' labels or plates, maintenance records, or logbooks, etc.

Suspect Visible Mould

Moulds are forms of fungi that are found everywhere both indoors and outdoors all year round. Outdoors, moulds live in the soil, on plants and on dead and decaying matter. More than 1000 different kinds of indoor moulds have been found in buildings. Moulds spread and reproduce by making spores, which are all small and light-weight, able to travel through air, capable of resisting dry, adverse environmental conditions, and hence capable of surviving a long time. Moulds need moisture and nutrients to grow and their growth is stimulated by warm, damp and humid conditions.

Arcadis identified the presence of any suspect visible mould or water damage observed during the course of our site investigation. Suspect visible mould is typically a coloured, textured substance or discolouration or staining on a building material surface which, based on our experience, may be mould growth. The adjective suspect is used where the presence of mould has not been confirmed by laboratory analysis.

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