

**Asbestos Survey and Assessment of Vehicle Assembly
Building Lower Bays and Utility Annex Roofing**

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Environmental Survey Title Sheet

Facility Name: VAB and Utility Annex

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City: Kennedy Space Center, Florida

Owner: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

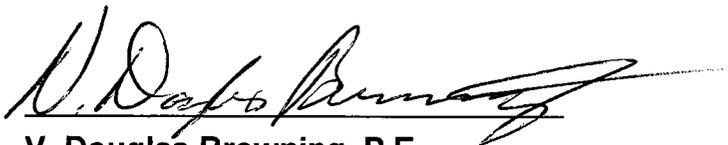
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Description of Asbestos

Asbestos is the name of a group of natural minerals that separate into strong, very fine fibers. The asbestos fibers being heat-resistant and extremely durable, make asbestos very useful in construction and industry. Although there are several different types of asbestos, nearly 95 percent of all asbestos used in commercial products today is a type called *chrysotile*.

The potential of an asbestos-containing product to release fibers is dependent upon several factors, including its location and degree of friability. Friable means that it can be crumbled with hand pressure and, therefore, is likely to emit fibers when disturbed. The fibrous or fluffy spray-applied asbestos materials used in many buildings as fireproofing, insulation, or for decorative purposes are generally considered friable. Non-friable materials such as vinyl floor tiles are likely to emit fewer airborne fibers unless subjected to sanding or cutting operations.

Between 1900 and 1980, some thirty million tons of asbestos were put in place; however, since the 1970s, asbestos use has declined significantly.

1.1.1 Identifying Asbestos

Asbestos has been used in a variety of forms. It has been sprayed or troweled onto ceilings, beams, walls, and other structural components of buildings. It was used for thermal, acoustical, and decorative purposes, and to insulate boilers and pipes, as well as many other construction materials and appliances.

1.2 Health Concerns

The physical properties that give asbestos its resistance to heat and decay are linked to several adverse human health effects. Asbestos breaks into a dust of microscopic fibers, and because of their size and shape, these tiny fibers can remain suspended in the air for long periods, and

can easily penetrate body tissues when inhaled. Due to their durability, these fibers can remain in the body for many years.

Asbestos is known to cause *asbestosis* and various forms of cancer. Asbestosis is a chronic disease of the lungs that makes breathing progressively more difficult, and can lead to death. *Cancer* can result from breathing asbestos fibers. *Lung cancer*, the most frequently seen asbestos-caused disease, is apparently made much more likely by smoking. Breathing asbestos also can cause *mesothelioma*, a cancer of the chest and abdominal membranes. Mesothelioma almost never occurs without exposure to asbestos, and is currently incurable. Other cancers, primarily of the digestive tract, also have been associated with exposure to asbestos.

These diseases have a long latency period--that is, they do not show until twenty to forty years after exposure. Right now, for example, we are seeing the results of exposure that occurred among asbestos workers during World War II.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

This report documents the inspection and sampling for the presence of suspected asbestos-containing material (ACM) the renovations to the roof of the VAB Low Bay and Utility Annex Roofing at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The sampling was conducted by V. Douglas Browning of *BEST* on December 28, 2004. The inspection included all of the areas scheduled to be affected by the renovation of the facility's roof.

The inspector performed the survey moving in a systematic fashion and sampled each identified homogeneous area. A critical step in this process was the delineation of different suspect homogeneous areas of the various materials and the definition of these homogeneous areas for specific sampling of each type of suspect ACM to ascertain if any asbestos is present in the homogeneous areas identified. The delineation of these homogeneous areas formed the basis upon which subsequent steps of the inspection were completed.

In general, homogeneous areas were defined as "those areas of the facility containing a given type of suspect material or paint that is uniform in color and texture." This approach involved notation of the location of each homogeneous area of suspect material and paint by using a coding system to delineate different colors and textures of suspect materials. The designation of each suspect ACM homogeneous area was defined based upon the area containing the same type of material and/or color and texture of each material, (as determined by physical appearance, age, and general condition) it was then considered to be one homogeneous area.

Once homogeneous areas were defined, a sampling strategy was developed for each to provide random samples of suspect ACM. The suspect ACM samples from each homogeneous area were analyzed using the appropriate analytical method for each sample by a laboratory that is accredited by NVLAP.

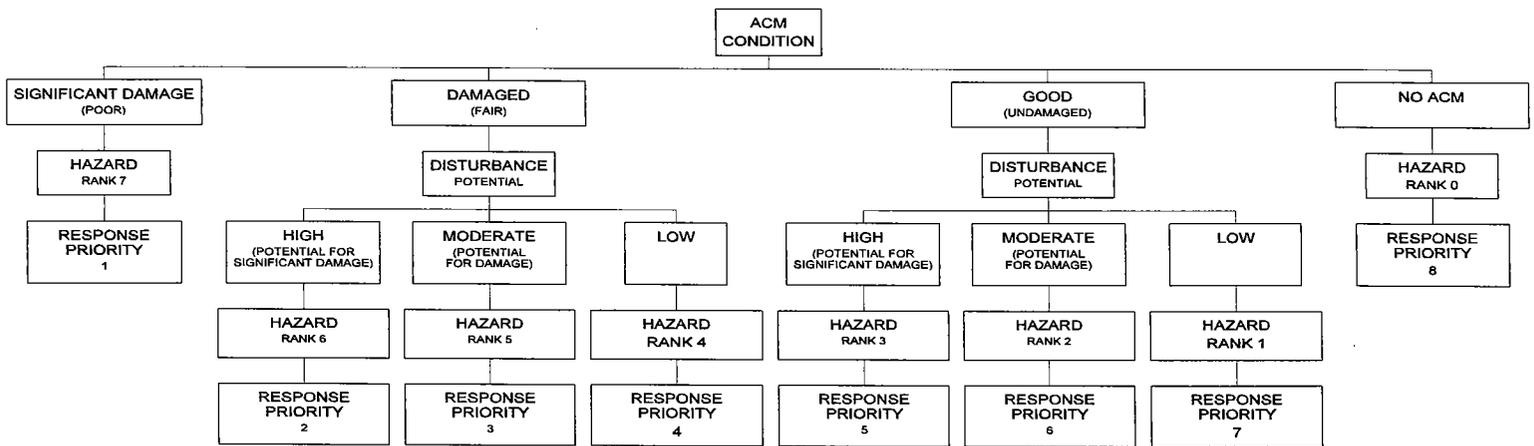
Sample locations using a unique identifying number were noted on the Field Survey Log Sheet and Chain-of-Custody Form. The Field Survey Log Sheet and Chain-of-Custody Forms accompanied the samples to the laboratory, after being signed by the sampler. At the laboratory the analyst receiving the samples then signs for the samples.

During the inspection some of the physical parameters documented by the surveyor for the suspect ACM:

- ▶ **Condition of material;**
- ▶ **Amount of exposed surface area of material;**
- ▶ **Activity, movement, or vibrational effects within the area;**
- ▶ **Potential for air erosion;**
- ▶ **Signs of past disturbance.**
- ▶ **Accessibility of material to building occupants;**
- ▶ **Friability of material; and**
- ▶ **Potential for disturbance.**

Using the above parameters, a risk assessment was conducted.

ASBESTOS HAZARD ASSESSMENT DECISION TREE



THE HIGHER THE HAZARD RANKING THE MORE SEVERE THE PROBLEM, AND BECAUSE PEOPLE TEND TO EQUATE A "1" WITH TOP PRIORITY, THE ASSIGNMENT NUMBERS FOR THE RESPONSE PRIORITY ARE REVERSED TO MAKE "1" THE HIGHEST RANKED.

Figure 2-1
ASBESTOS HAZARD ASSESSMENT TREE

WHY SETTLE FOR LESS, WHEN YOU CAN HAVE THE
BEST
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3.0 DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Table 3-1, shows the location of all suspect ACM samples taken and the associated homogeneous areas. Only the samples containing asbestos at greater than the 1 percent guidelines were considered as ACM. For this reason the findings do not discuss the homogeneous areas that were sampled but found to contain less than the 1 percent threshold which NESHAP considers to be ACM.

3.1 Sampled Suspect ACM

All of the suspect materials observed were sampled so there are not any materials that are presumed to be ACM and not sampled.

3.1.1 Spray/Trowel Applied Surfacing Material

3.1.1.1 Friable

There were no suspect homogeneous areas of friable spray/trowel applied surfacing material identified.

3.1.1.2 Non-Friable

There were no suspect homogeneous areas of non-friable spray/trowel applied surfacing material identified.

3.1.2 Thermal System Insulation (TSI)

3.1.2.1 Friable

There were no suspect homogeneous areas of friable TSI identified.

3.1.2.2 Non-Friable

There were no suspect homogeneous areas of non-friable TSI identified.

3.1.3 Miscellaneous Materials

3.1.3.1 Friable

There were no suspect homogeneous areas of friable miscellaneous materials identified.

3.1.3.2 Non-Friable

There were eight different suspect homogeneous areas (HA) of non-friable miscellaneous materials identified. All were HA's of built-up roofing materials BUR-1, BUR-2 and BUR-3 and roofing flashing RF-1, RF-2, RF-3 and RF-4 from the various sections and levels of the roofing were sampled and laboratory analyses of the samples confirmed the materials of BUR - thru BUR-3 and RF-1 were found to be non-ACM, while RF-2, RF-3 and RF-4 were found to contain 5 percent chrysotile asbestos in the bitumen/felt flashing on the curbing and perimeter roofing flashing on the Low Bay and Utility Annex roofing and RM-1 on the 210' Elevation was found to contain 10 percent chrysotile in the pitch pocket tar for the speaker supports.

3.2 Sampled Suspect Heavy Metal Paint (HMP)

3.3 Recommendations

3.3.1 ACM

The flashing found on the perimeter and curbs of the roofing was identified to contain 5 percent chrysotile asbestos in three of the four homogeneous areas sampled. Due to this it is recommended that all of the flashing on the roofing be abated prior to the material being disturbed. It must be treated as built-up roofing membranes when being abated. This would mean that all roofing and flashing be treated as ACM if it is within 24 inches of a curb or wall and be abated as such. If any or all of the eight pitch pockets are to be disturbed they must be abated first.

Appendix A

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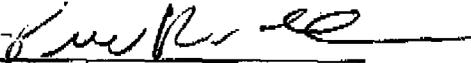
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Asbestos Analysis of Bulk Materials via EPA 600/R-93/116 Method using Polarized Light Microscopy

Sample	Location	Appearance	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos
			% Fibrous	% Non-Fibrous	% Type
1 340402653-0001	roof 1 VAB W side at mechanical room NW corner	Yellow Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	95% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
1A 340402653-0012	fibrous layer W side at mechanical room NW corner	Tan Fibrous Heterogeneous	60% Cellulose	20% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
1B 340402653-0013	black layer W side at mechanical room NW corner	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	10% Cellulose	10% Perlite 80% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
2 340402653-0002	roof 1 VAB W side middle curb flashing	Black/Silver Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	20% Glass 20% Cellulose	10% Quartz 50% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
3 340402653-0003	roof 1 VAB E side at mechanical room SE corner	Yellow Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	95% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
3A 340402653-0014	fibrous layer E side at mechanical room SE corner	Tan Fibrous Heterogeneous	60% Cellulose	20% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
3B 340402653-0015	black layer E side at mechanical room SE corner	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	10% Cellulose	10% Perlite 80% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected

Analyst(s) 
 Randy Pruitt (22)


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4 340402653-0004	roof 1 VAB E side S expansion joint	Black/Silver Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	90% Non-fibrous (other)	5% Chrysotile
5 340402653-0006	utility annex NW section of roof	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	10% Cellulose	70% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
5A 340402653-0015	tar layer utility annex NW section of roof	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	10% Cellulose	10% Quartz 20% Perlite 60% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
6 340402653-0006	utility annex center section of roof S side	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	10% Cellulose	70% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
6A 340402653-0017	tar layer utility annex center section of roof S	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Glass 5% Cellulose	10% Quartz 20% Perlite 60% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
7 340402653-0007	utility annex NE section of roof	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	10% Cellulose	70% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
7A 340402653-0018	tar layer utility annex NE section of roof	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Glass 5% Cellulose	10% Quartz 20% Perlite 60% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected

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			% Fibrous	% Non-Fibrous	% Type
8 340402653-0008	utility annex center ventilation fan curb flashing	Black/Silver Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	90% Non-fibrous (other)	5% Chrysotile
9 340402653-0009	utility annex E center equipment curb flashing	Black/Silver Fibrous Heterogeneous	20% Glass 5% Cellulose	70% Non-fibrous (other)	5% Chrysotile
10 340402653-0010	roof 1 VAB W side at mechanical room SW corner	Yellow Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	95% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
10A 340402653-0019	fibrous layer W side at mechanical room SW corner	Tan Fibrous Heterogeneous	60% Cellulose	20% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
10B 340402653-0020	black layer W side at mechanical room SW corner	Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Glass 5% Cellulose	10% Perlite 80% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
11 340402653-0011	roof 1 VAB E side at mechanical room NE corner	Yellow Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	95% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected
11A 340402653-0021	fibrous layer E side at mechanical room NE corner	Tan Fibrous Heterogeneous	60% Cellulose	20% Perlite 20% Non-fibrous (other)	None Detected

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11B	black layer E side	Black	5% Glass	10% Perlite	None Detected
340402653-0022	at mechanical room NE corner	Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	5% Cellulose	80% Non-fibrous (other)	

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