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Mr. W.K. Breazeale, President
Rapides Parish School Board
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Dear Mr. Breazeale:

We write to formally provide you the indoor dust sampling results from the sampling event conducted at Rapides Training Academy, formerly known as J.S. Slocum School, as a follow-up to the surface soil sampling conducted in June 2016. On September 17, 2016, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) conducted dust sampling to monitor for the presence of potential contaminants inside the school. The work was conducted as part of the "Making a Visible Difference" initiative where the EPA is working to address concerns voiced by citizens in Alexandria and Pineville, Louisiana.

The EPA conducted indoor dust wipe sampling on non-porous surfaces in likely areas where students or staff had contact. We then analyzed the samples for semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and dioxins. Samples were collected from the rooms inside the school as denoted on Attachment A. All results are summarized in Attachment B.

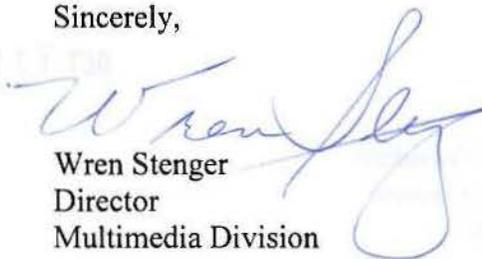
The SVOC and dioxin sample results did not exceed the non-cancer screening level or the cancer risk range used by the EPA. No additional action is necessary. The EPA recommends the continuation of your good house-cleaning measures at the school.

We invite you to visit two web sites: <https://wcms.epa.gov/la/making-visible-difference-alexandriapineville-la> to learn more about the EPA initiative and <https://www.epa.gov/dioxin> to learn more about dioxins. We are also compiling a comprehensive report detailing the results of air, soil, and groundwater data to present to the Community Sustainability Network and citizens of the community in 2017. To learn additional ways to protect indoor air quality at your school, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/take-action-improve-indoor-air-quality-schools>.

Please feel free to contact EPA Diana Greiner at (214) 665-6492 or LDEQ Lourdes Iturralde at (225) 219-3710 if you, other school board members, or members of your staff have questions, or would like to

have a conference call to discuss the sampling results. We look forward to hearing from you and assisting with any potential concerns. Copies of the contractor and laboratory reports can be sent to you upon request.

Sincerely,



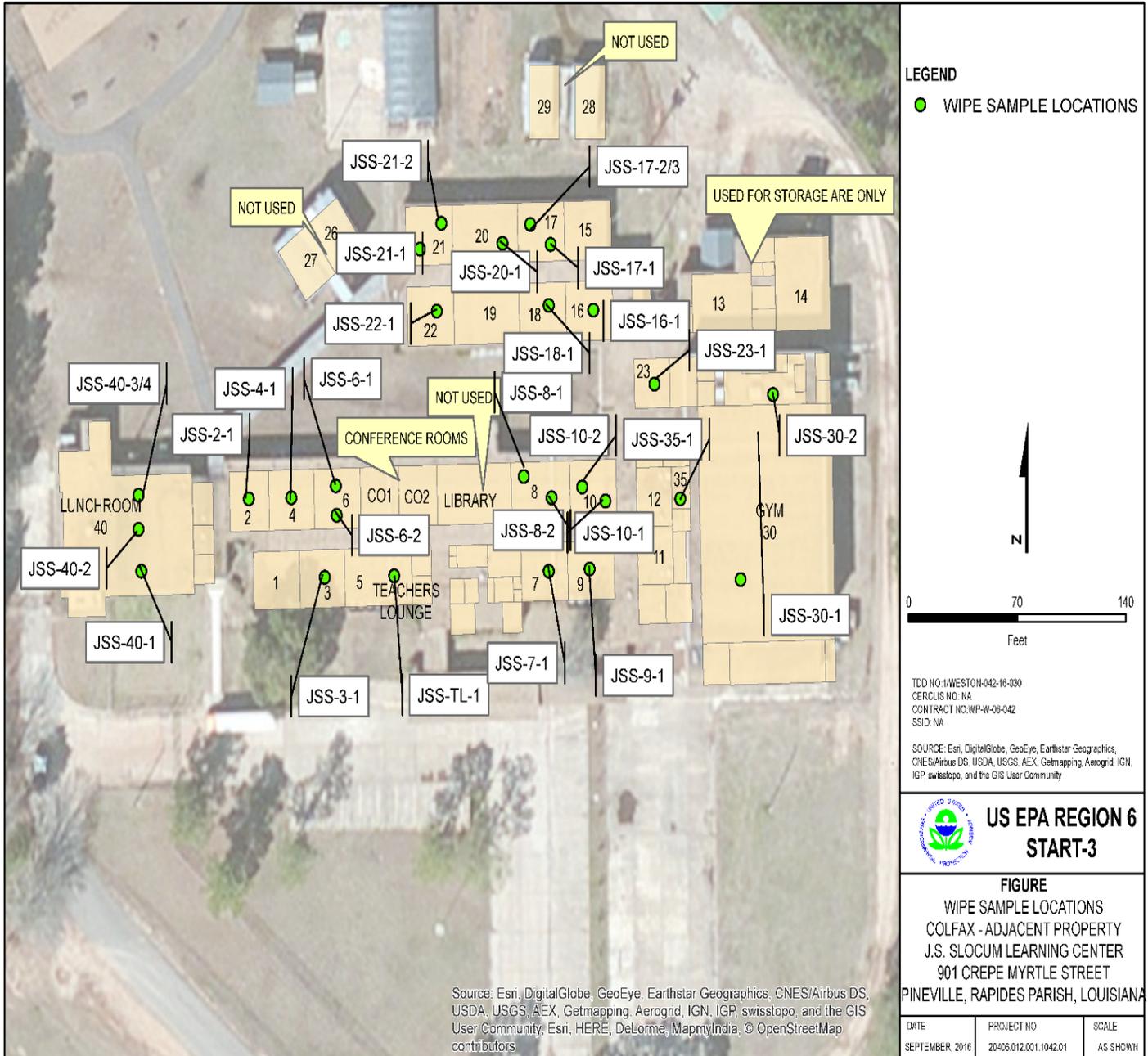
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Attachment A

Map with Rapides Training Academy (J.S. Slocum) Indoor Dust Wipe Sampling Locations



Attachment B

September 2016 Indoor Dust Wipe Sampling for Rapides Training Academy (J.S. Slocum School):

Interior Dust Wipe Sample Location	Semivolatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) (ppm)	Dioxin Results Toxic Equivalency Quotient (TEQ) Picograms/100 cm²	Non-Cancer Screening Level for the Indoor Dust Wipe Sampling Picograms/100 cm²
JSS-2-1	Non-Detect (ND)	ND	24
JSS-3-1	ND	0.00429	24
JSS-4-1	ND	0.00657	24
JSS-TL-1	ND	0.31366	24
JSS-6-1	ND	0.42063	24
JSS-6-2	ND	0.745715	24
JSS-7-1	ND	0.15611	24
JSS-8-1	ND	0.00312	24
JSS-8-2	ND	0.151	24
JSS-9-1	ND	0.204	24
JSS-10-1	ND	0.00495	24
JSS-10-2	ND	0.00495	24
JSS-16-1	ND	0.00495	24
JSS-17-1	ND	0.00495	24
JSS-17-2	ND	0.00327	24
JSS-17-3	ND	0.00486	24
JSS-18-1	ND	0.00492	24
JSS-20-1	ND	ND	24
JSS-21-1	ND	0.00357	24
JSS-21-2	ND	0.00423	24
JSS-22-1	ND	0.00438	24
JSS-23-1	ND	21.233	24
JSS-30-1	ND	0.0063	24
JSS-30-2	ND	ND	24
JSS-35-1	ND	0.00465	24
JSS-40-1	ND	ND	24
JSS-40-2	ND	ND	24
JSS-40-3	ND	0.00303	24
JSS-40-4	ND	0.17481	24
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