

# managing risk with responsibility

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**Administrative Sites** 

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Facilities and Construction Management

SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessment

FISH 702, 1214 and 1313

On April 26, 2007 I conducted an assessment of FISH 702, 1214 and 1313 at **Kathleen C. Wright Administration**. This evaluation included observations of the flooring system, ceiling tiles, false ceiling plenum, environmental surfaces, interior and exterior walls, and the accessible ventilation equipment. Additionally, environmental parameter measurements were taken to include temperature, relative humidity, and carbon dioxide. The detailed findings, along with the recommended corrective action can be found on the attached IAQ Assessment Worksheets.

Generally, the IAQ Assessment did not identify any existing conditions significantly impacting IAQ and thereby presenting immediate health and safety concerns to building occupants. However, due to individual sensitivities and predisposing health factors, it is possible that some building occupants may elicit a health response to agents and / or conditions identified during the evaluation. Therefore, to further improve IAQ, prevent development of future IAQ-related problems, and to reduce the potential for IAQ-related complaints by building occupants, the IAQ Assessment Team recommends appropriate follow up of each item identified and listed in the attached evaluation.

Please ensure that your Head Facilities Serviceperson receives a copy of this correspondence so that the recommendations requiring their attention can be addressed. Within two weeks a representative from the Custodial/Grounds Department will conduct a follow-up visit to ensure that all issues have been appropriately addressed.

Should any questions arise, or if the current concerns continue after the attached recommendations have been addressed, please feel free to contact me at 754-321-1638.

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| Kathleen C. Wright Administration |             |                      |  |                  | Evaluation | Requested                        | April 24, 2007 |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Time of Day                       | 10:00 am    |                      |  |                  | Eva        | luation Date                     | April 26, 2007 |  |
| Outdoor Cond                      | litions To  | emperature           | 78.6   | Relative Humidit | y 44.3     | Ambien                           | t CO2 403      |  |
| Fish                              | Temperature | Range                | Relative Humidity  | Range            | CO2        | Rang                             |                |  |
| 702                               | 73.7        | 72 - 78              | 51.6   | 30% - 60%        | 730        | Max 700 >                        | Ambient 2      |  |
| Noticeable Odor No                |             |                      | Visible water Visible microb damage / staining? visible microb growth? |                  |            | oial Amount of material affected |                |  |
| Ceiling Type                      | 2 x 2 La    | ay In                | No   | No No            |            | None                             |                |  |
| Wall Type                         | Dryw        | all                  | No   | No               |            | None                             |                |  |
| Flooring                          | Carp        | et                   | No   | No               |            | None                             |                |  |
|                                   | Clean       | Minor Du<br>/ Debris |  | ı                | Correctiv  | ve Action Rec                    | uired          |  |
| Ceiling                           | Yes         | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| Walls                             | Yes         | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| Flooring                          | Yes         | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| HVAC Supply                       | Grills Yes  | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| HVAC Return                       | Grills Yes  | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| Ceiling at Sup<br>Grills          | oply Yes    | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| Surfaces in R                     | oom Yes     | No                   | No   |                  |            |                                  |                |  |
| bservations                       |             |                      |  |                  |            |                                  |                |  |

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## Findings:

- No noticeable odor from new carpet. Door was open at the time of the assessment.
- 4 live plants in the room 2 with visible microbial growth on the soil. One in a wicker basket with visible growth on the basket.
- No signs of microbial growth or water intrusion. Walls under and near windows were dry 8% WME
- Minor dust build up on bookcase

## Recommendations:

# Site Based Maintenance:

- Remove plants from building
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

Note: Plants are often pleasant additions to trouble free indoor environments. However, they can be sources for contamination by molds. Often they can be a source of water, which leads to the amplification of mold in the building. Their presence in a building or an area that is experiencing air quality concerns can be confusing and confounding. The simple and most direct solution is to remove the plants.

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| Fish T                            | emperature R              | Range Rela             | tive Humidity   | Range             | CO2        | Rang                        | je # C   | Occupants |
| 1214                              | 72.8 <b>7</b> 2           | 2 - 78                 | 46.1  | 30% - 60%         | 697        | Max 700 >                   | Ambient  | 3         |
| Noticeable Odor Yes               |                           | _                      | Visible water Visible microbia damage / staining? growth? |                   |            | Amount of material affected |          |           |
| Ceiling Type                      | Ceiling Type 2 x 2 Lay In |                        | No  | No No             |            | None                        |          |           |
| Wall Type                         | Drywall                   |                        | No  | No                |            | None                        |          |           |
| Flooring                          | Carpet                    |                        | No  | No                |            | None                        |          |           |
|                                   | Clean                     | Minor Dust<br>/ Debris | Needs<br>Cleaning   |                   | Correctiv  | ve Action Rec               | quired   |           |
| Ceiling                           | Yes                       | No                     | No  |                   |            |                             |          |           |
| Walls                             | Yes                       | No                     | No  |                   |            |                             |          |           |
| Flooring                          | Yes                       | No                     | No  |                   |            |                             |          |           |
| HVAC Supply 0                     | Grills Yes                | No                     | No  |                   |            |                             |          |           |
| HVAC Return G                     | Grills Yes                | No                     | No  |                   |            |                             |          |           |
| Ceiling at Supp<br>Grills         | ly Yes                    | No                     | No  |                   |            |                             |          |           |
| Surfaces in Ro                    | om No                     | Yes                    | Yes   |                   | Clean      | as appropriat               | te       |           |
|                                   |                           |                        |   |                   |            |                             |          |           |

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# **Observations**

#### Findings:

- Noticeable odor from new carpet. Door was closed at the time of the assessment.
- 4 live plants in the room 2 with visible microbial growth on the soil
- No signs of microbial growth or water intrusion. Walls under and near windows were dry 8% WME
- Minor dust build up on bookcase

#### -Recommendations:

#### Site Based Maintenance:

- Advised site based staff to leave the door to the room open and air out with fans on nights and weekends to reduce odor from newly installed carpet
- Remove plants from building
- Clean bookcase
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

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| Outdoor Conditions   | Tempera        | 78.6               | Rel               | ative Humidity                 | 44.3       | Ambier         | nt CO2 403      |        |
| Fish Temper  1313 72  Noticeable Odor  | 72 - 7         | <b>78</b> 50       | _                 | Range<br>% - 60% Visible micro | 774        | Rang Max 700 : | > Ambient 4     | ts     |
|  |                |                    | / staining?       | growth?                        | _          | affected       |                 | ,      |
|  | 2 x 2 Lay In   |                    | lo                | No                             | L          |                | None            | ┇      |
| Wall Type  | Drywall        |                    | lo                | No                             | _          |                | None            | └<br>_ |
| Flooring   | Carpet         |                    | lo                | No                             |            |                | None            | ]      |
| (  |                | nor Dust<br>Debris | Needs<br>Cleaning |                                | Correcti   | ve Action Re   | quired          |        |
| Ceiling  | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ] [    |
| Walls  | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ]      |
| Flooring   | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ]      |
| <b>HVAC Supply Grills</b>  | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ]      |
| HVAC Return Grills   | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ]      |
| Ceiling at Supply<br>Grills  | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ]      |
| Surfaces in Room   | Yes            | No                 | No                |                                |            |                |                 | ]      |
| Findings: - No noticeable odor from the commendations: - Recommendations: Site Based Maintenary - Continue to monitor to appropriate | growth or wate | er intrusion. W    | alls under and    | l near windows v               | were dry - |                | on and clean as |        |
|  |                |                    |                   |                                |            |                |                 |        |

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