

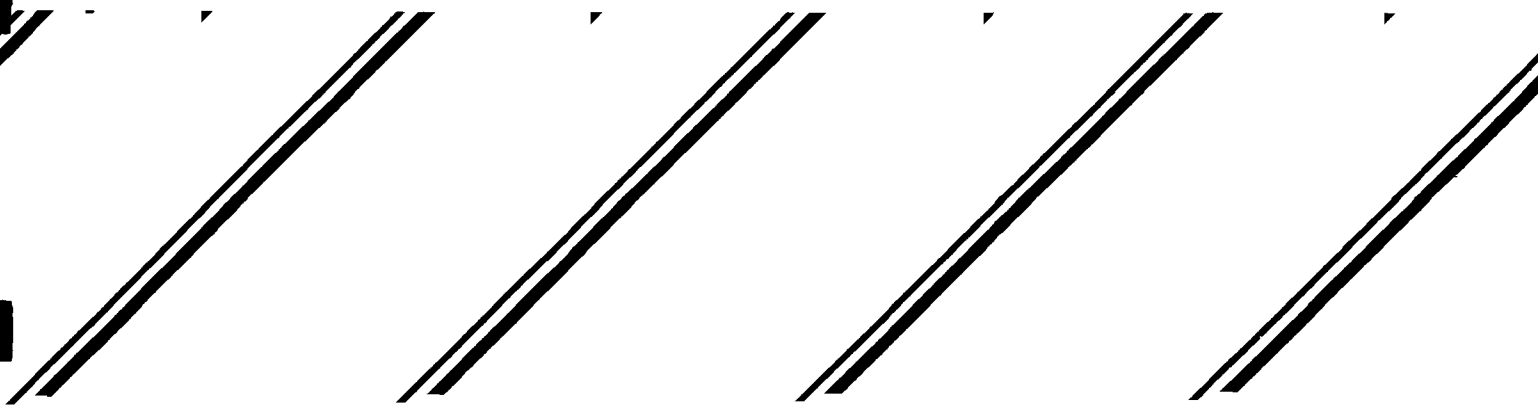
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Asbestos- Containing Materials in School Buildings:

Bulk Sample Analysis Quality Assurance Program

Round Two



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ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

ROUND TWO

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Abstract

This report presents the results of commercial laboratories participating in the second round of the bulk sample analysis quality assurance program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos-in-Schools Program. Seventy-six laboratories which accept bulk samples for determination of asbestos content by polarized light microscopy participated in the second round.

Laboratories received bulk samples of two asbestiform minerals (amosite, crocidolite) and two nonasbestiform materials (cellulose, wollastonite). Three aspects of the analytical results are considered: classification of a sample as either asbestos (positive) or nonasbestos (negative); identification of the specific type of asbestos or nonasbestos material present; and quantitation of the relative amount of the major constituent present. A performance rating was made for each laboratory, based only on the ability to correctly classify samples. Reductions of the all-correct (4/4) score were made only for the reporting of false positives and false negatives. The distribution of performance ratings is: 4/4, 46 laboratories; 3/4, 25 laboratories; 2/4, 5 laboratories. The majority of classification errors were false positives on the wollastonite sample.

Continuation of the program with future sample sets is anticipated. Any commercial or noncommercial laboratories with capability for polarized light microscope analysis of bulk samples may participate. Results of commercial laboratories are made available to the EPA and to the public.

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ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS:
BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos-in-Schools Program has designated polarized light microscopy (PLM) as the method of choice for detecting asbestos fiber in bulk insulation samples.* In January 1980, a voluntary quality assurance (QA) program was initiated for laboratories claiming capability in PLM analysis of bulk samples. This QA program is part of the EPA Asbestos-in-Schools Program.

Round 1 of the program was conducted in January and February 1980 and Round 2 was conducted in August and September 1980. Any commercial or noncommercial laboratory with PLM analytical capabilities could participate. The following is a report on commercial laboratories that participated in Round 2.

The QA program is not designed for laboratory accreditation and does not seek to certify or endorse participating laboratories. Laboratories are notified that a rating will be made of their performance. Participating commercial laboratories and their performance ratings are included in a source listing that is made available to EPA regional asbestos coordinators, to state asbestos contacts, and to the public via a toll-free number established to provide technical information. Further information on the QA program, participating laboratories, sampling and analysis of asbestos-containing materials, and the EPA Asbestos-in-Schools Program is available by contacting the author at 1-800-334-8571.

2. PROCEDURES

2.1 Reporting Form and Instructions

Instructions and a reporting form developed for laboratory use in communicating analytical results are included as Appendix A. The form satisfies various information needs, including identity of asbestos and

*Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Buildings: A Guidance Document, EPA/OTS #C00090, March 1979.

Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Buildings: Guidance for Asbestos Analytical Programs, EPA 560/13-80-017A, December 1980.

nonasbestos fibers, analytical method(s) used, quantitation procedures used, and quality control measures employed.

2.2 Selection and Distribution of Samples

Four bulk samples were sent to each laboratory. Two were asbestos fiber, amosite and crocidolite, and two were nonasbestos fibrous materials, cellulose and wollastonite, commonly found in insulations. The samples were doublebagged, coded, and packaged with a reporting form and instructions for analysis. Sample packages were mailed on August 1, 1980, to ninety commercial laboratories requesting participation.

2.3 Reference Reports

A reference analytical report was obtained from the Bureau of Mines, U.S. Department of the Interior, Avondale, Maryland, and is included as Appendix B. Reference report data were the basis for comparison in determining a laboratory's performance rating and were included in reports to the laboratories.

2.4 Reports to Laboratories

Reports were issued to individual laboratories on October 31, 1980. Reports included the results of reference analyses, data reported by the individual laboratory, and summary data on quantitative estimates.

Estimates provided by the laboratories of the relative amounts of sample constituents were averaged for each sample lot. Means and standard deviations were included in reports to the laboratories. Values reported were not used in rating laboratory performance. The distributions of quantitative estimates were recorded on histograms and included in individual reports to allow laboratories to place themselves within the distribution.

2.5 Performance Rating

Laboratory performance was assessed on the basis of correct classification of "positive" and "negative" samples. Reductions of the all-correct (4/4) score were made only for classification errors involving the reporting of either false positives (nonasbestos sample reported as containing asbestos) or false negatives (no asbestos reported in an asbestos-containing sample).

Many laboratories were successful in classifying a sample as positive or negative but made an error in identifying the specific type of asbestos or nonasbestos material present. These errors will be referred to as identification errors. The criterion used for performance scoring, although not accounting for identification errors, recognizes the basic concern of the public--whether or not asbestos fibers are present in a submitted sample. Performance ratings were included in laboratory reports and are listed in Appendix C.

3. RESULTS

Seventy-six of the ninety commercial laboratories supplied with samples reported results on or before September 15, 1980. These laboratories are designated as participants in Round 2 and are listed in Appendix C.

A total of 304 (76×4) samples were analyzed. Of the 304 samples, 253 were correctly classified and identified. Reporting laboratories were in error on 51 samples, primarily wollastonite. Incorrect analyses included 3 false negatives, 32 false positives, and 16 identification errors (Table 1).

All laboratories correctly classified the amosite sample as asbestos. Crocidolite was correctly classified as asbestos by 73 laboratories. Three laboratories identified the crocidolite sample as mineral wool (nonasbestos). Crocidolite is an anisotropic fiber and can be distinguished from (isotropic) mineral wool by observation with crossed polars. Pleochroism and sign of elongation are also optical properties diagnostic for crocidolite.

Cellulose was correctly classified as nonasbestos by 73 laboratories. The cellulose sample was falsely reported as chrysotile by two laboratories and as amosite by one laboratory. Attention to morphology, extinction characteristics, and refractive index (or dispersion staining colors) should distinguish cellulose from asbestos fiber.

The most prevalent error occurred in the classification of the nonasbestos material wollastonite. Forty-seven laboratories correctly classified the sample. Of the twenty-nine laboratories which classified the sample as asbestos (false positive), twenty-six identified it as an amphibole and three identified it as chrysotile. Wollastonite can be distinguished from chrysotile by determination of refractive indices. In Cargille liquid 1.550, wollastonite does not show dispersion staining colors (all $\lambda_0 < 400$ nm), and thus should not be confused with chrysotile. Wollastonite shows good

TABLE 1. QUALITATIVE RESULTS

Lot	Number of samples analyzed	Number of correct analyses ^a	Number of classification errors ^b		Number of identification errors ^c
			False negatives	False positives	
A. Amosite	76	69	0		7
B. Crocidolite	76	72	3		1
C. Cellulose	76	70		3	3
D. Wollastonite	<u>76</u>	<u>42</u>	—	<u>29</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	304	253	3	32	16

^aSample was correctly classified and identified.

^bSamples may be classified as asbestos-containing (positive) or as non-asbestos (negative). Classification errors are false positives or false negatives.

^cIdentification errors are incorrect designations of the specific type of asbestos or nonasbestos material present. Identification and classification errors are mutually exclusive categories; i.e., incorrect classifications are not counted as identification errors.

dispersion staining colors in Cargille liquid 1.620. The amphiboles incorrectly reported included tremolite, actinolite, and anthophyllite. These minerals have refractive index ranges totally including the range of wollastonite, and therefore cannot be distinguished from wollastonite solely on the basis of refractive index. In addition to information gained by dispersion staining in Cargille liquids 1.605 and 1.620, wollastonite may be distinguished from the above amphiboles by noting the sign of elongation of sample fibers. Because of random orientation of particles, a mounted sample of milled wollastonite will contain some fibers with positive signs of elongation and some fibers with negative signs of elongation. Mounted samples of chrysotile and the asbestiform amphiboles reported contain only fibers with positive signs of elongation.

The majority of laboratories participating in Round 2 received a performance rating of 4/4. Recall that reductions of the all-correct score (4/4) are made only for classification errors. A breakdown of identification errors within performance ratings is shown in Table 2. Most laboratories scoring 3/4 incorrectly classified the wollastonite sample as asbestos and did not make any identification errors. Summing classification and identification errors, it can be seen that three laboratories were in error on 3 of 4 samples and one laboratory was incorrect on all 4 samples.

The distribution of quantitative results is presented in Table 3. This information is supplied to laboratories to enable them to compare their quantitative results with other participating laboratories. Quantitative results are not presently used in determining the laboratory performance rating.

4. PLANS

The third round of the continuing QA program is currently planned for spring 1981 and will also involve the distribution of samples and reporting of PLM analysis results. Any commercial or noncommercial laboratories with PLM capabilities may participate. The list of commercial laboratories will be updated with performance ratings and participating laboratories following each round. Future rounds are anticipated and will include samples of asbestiform and nonasbestiform minerals as well as samples of insulation materials removed from schools and private buildings.

TABLE 2. DISTRIBUTION OF QUALITATIVE ERRORS

Performance rating	Number of classification errors	Number of identification errors	Number of laboratories
4/4	0	0 1	38 <u>8</u>
			Subtotal 46
3/4	1	0 1 2	22 2 <u>1</u>
			Subtotal 25
2/4	2	0 1 2	2 2 <u>1</u>
			Subtotal 5
			Total 76

TABLE 3. DISTRIBUTION OF QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Percentage reported for major component ^a	Number (cumulative %) of laboratories reporting ^b			
	Lot A	Lot B	Lot C	Lot D
	Ref. value 99	Ref. Value 95	Ref. value 99	Ref. value 95
96 - 100	23 (31%)	15 (21%)	36 (51%)	25 (63%)
86 - 95	29 (70%)	19 (48%)	23 (83%)	12 (93%)
76 - 85	13 (88%)	10 (62%)	10 (97%)	
66 - 75	4 (93%)	11 (77%)	2 (100%)	2 (99%)
56 - 65	2 (96%)	12 (94%)		
46 - 55	2 (99%)	1 (96%)		
36 - 45		1 (97%)		1 (100%)
26 - 35	1 (100%)	1 (99%)		
16 - 25		1 (100%)		
6 - 15				
0 - 5				
Percentage not reported	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	76	73	73	47

^aAsbestos (lots A, B); nonasbestos (lots C, D).

^bClassification errors were omitted.

APPENDIX A
INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORTING FORM

ASBESTOS BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Research Triangle Institute

800-334-8571, ext. 6741

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Verify that this kit contains four bulk material samples.
- 2. If this kit is incomplete or contains broken sample packages:
 - PHONE: 800-334-8571
 - ASK FOR: Gene Brantly, ext. 6741
 - Asbestos Bulk Sample Analysis Program
- 3. Perform a complete analysis of each sample by polarized light microscopy, with or without dispersion staining. X-ray diffraction should be used only as a confirmatory technique.
- 4. Record the requested information on a copy of the Results Reporting Form. Final results of the analyses of all samples should be reported on one form.
- 5. Fill in all blocks for each analysis performed, using zeros where necessary. In categories offering numbered choices, write the correct number in the appropriate block, followed by a percent value or comment. All reported values should be expressed as percentages of the total material in each sample. Reporting forms with incomplete information will not be evaluated.
- 6. Include the laboratory identification number and sample identification numbers on all Results Reporting Forms. The space labelled "Sample Code Assigned by Laboratory" should be used for internal quality control programs involving split samples.

Example Sample Labels: 2750-01-372
 2750-01-149
 2750-01-967
 2750-01-730

Laboratory ID#2750

Sample ID#	01-372	01-149	01-967	01-730
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- 7. Complete the reverse side of the Results Reporting Form. Information on quantitation and quality control procedures supplied in previous rounds need not be repeated if still applicable.
- 8. Retain all samples for reference following receipt of the round results and statistical summary.
- 9. Return the Results Reporting Form within 15 working days after receipt of the samples. Mail to:

Gene Brantly
 Dreyfus Laboratories
 Research Triangle Institute
 P. O. Box 12194
 Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709

Late Returns Will Not Be Evaluated

RETURN REPORTING FORM
 WITHIN FIFTEEN WORKING DAYS
 AFTER RECEIVING SAMPLES.
 LATE RETURNS WILL NOT BE EVALUATED.

Results Reporting Form ASBESTOS BULK SAMPLE ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Laboratory I.D. #					
Sample I.D. #					
Sample Code Assigned by Laboratory					
Analytical Method (enter number)	1. PLM 2. PLM + dispersion staining 3. X-ray diffraction				
Gross Sample Appearance (enter number; note color)	1. Homogeneous, fibrous 2. Homogeneous, nonfibrous 3. Heterogeneous, fibrous 4. Heterogeneous, nonfibrous 5. Heterogeneous, mixed				
Sample Treatment (enter number)	1. Homogenized 2. Untreated 3. Other, specify				
Amount of Material Examined (mg)					
Asbestos Present (enter number and percent)	1. Amosite 2. Chrysotile 3. Crocidolite 4. Other, specify				
Percent Total Asbestos Present in Sample					
Other Fibrous Materials Present (enter number and percent)	1. Fiberglass 2. Mineral Wool 3. Cellulose 4. Other, specify				
Nonfibrous Materials Present (description and percent)					

(Continued: Please provide requested information on reverse side of this form.)

Description of Method of Quantitation

Description of Quality Control Program (e.g., #slides/sample, #splits/set)

Comments

Analyst: _____

Confirmation by: _____

Report Reviewed by: _____

Address Correction Please: _____

**APPENDIX B
REFERENCE REPORT**



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF MINES

4900 LASALLE ROAD
AVONDALE, MARYLAND 20782

October 6, 1980

Mr. Gene Brantly
Research Triangle Institute
P.O. Box 12194
Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709

Dear Mr. Brantly:

The samples, Lots A through D, submitted for analysis have been examined using optical microscopy for mineralogy. The results of the examination are given below.

Lot A:	Amosite	>99%
	Opagues	Trace
	Carbonates	Trace
	Mica	Trace
Lot B:	Crocidolite	>95%
	Opagues	1%
	Carbonates	1%
	Chlorite?	Trace
	Hornblende	Trace
	Organics	Trace
Lot C:	Cellulose fiber	>99%
	Nonfibrous organics	<1%
Lot D:	Wollastonite	>95%
	Carbonates	Minor
	Garnet?	Trace

In addition to the minerals listed above, each sample also contained one to three unidentified phases in trace quantities. The X-ray diffraction examination of these materials will be forwarded to you upon completion.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Virta

Robert L. Virta
Mineralogist

APPENDIX C
PARTICIPATING LABORATORIES

INTERIM LISTING NO. 9
OF COMMERCIAL LABORATORIES WITH POLARIZED
LIGHT MICROSCOPE CAPABILITIES FOR BULK ASBESTOS IDENTIFICATION
11/1/80

The following laboratories have participated in the EPA asbestos bulk sample quality assurance program. Listed laboratories analyzed samples distributed in round one and/or round two of the program. Four bulk samples were sent to each laboratory in each round. As shown below, two samples of each round contained asbestos fiber and two were nonasbestos fibrous material commonly found in insulation. All analyses were performed by polarized light microscopy (PLM).

Round One

Positive: Chrysotile, anthophyllite
Negative: Mineral wool, fiberglass

Round Two

Positive: Amosite, crocidolite
Negative: Cellulose, wollastonite

Laboratory performance was assessed on the basis of correct identification of "positive" and "negative" samples. Reductions of the all-correct (4/4) score were made only for the reporting of false positives (nonasbestos sample reported as containing asbestos) or false negatives (no asbestos reported in an asbestos-containing sample), and not for the misidentification of individual asbestiform mineral species. The criterion, though lenient, recognizes the basic concern of the public--whether or not asbestos fibers are present in a submitted sample. Performance scores for rounds one and two are included separately on the laboratory listing. Several laboratories entered the program after the completion of round one and therefore do not have a score listed in that column.

The quality assurance program is not designed for laboratory accreditation and does not seek to certify or endorse participating laboratories. This list of program participants is provided as a source list of analytical laboratories by the EPA asbestos-in-schools program. Further information on the quality assurance program, participating laboratories, sampling and analysis of asbestos-containing materials, and the EPA asbestos-in-schools program is available by contacting Gene Brantly at 1-800-334-8571.

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