

MEMO

Date: December 17, 2013

From: Edward Olmsted, CIH, CSP

**Subject: Indoor Environmental Inspection
PS 363 / PS 63**

On Friday December 13, 2013 Edward Olmsted, CIH, CSP, Jennifer Long, and Pedro Serrano, representing the UFT, conducted a follow-up indoor environmental survey at PS 63/363 located at 121 East 3rd Street in Manhattan. The school is currently undergoing an exterior façade repair project and SCA is currently removing the asbestos containing paint from the exterior masonry. The work is taking place during the evenings when the school is unoccupied. The inspection was done with the school custodian.

1. The exterior paint removal work is in the early phases and only a small area of the paint on the ground floor level has been abated. Testing for volatile organic compounds in air was inside the school on the interior wall adjacent to the work outside in order to verify that vapors released by the chemical stripper were not migrating through the wall into the school. The area tested was the dance studio, which was adjacent to the work outside. Levels of VOCs were low and consistent with normal background. These findings suggest that the work does not release chemical vapors into the building.
2. The work schedule and plan as well as contact phone numbers are posted in the main lobby area in the first floor. Air sampling results for asbestos fibers in air collected during the work are also posted. Air samples for asbestos during the work reveal levels that are within NYS Department of Labor clearance criteria.
3. The UFT has not received any complaints from staff about dust or chemical odors in this school related to the exterior work.

This survey indicates that the work outside does not impact the indoor air quality.