



DOMINION

November 14, 2018

Mr. Douglas McCarthy  
Director, Facilities Planning and Development  
Phoenix College  
1202 W. Thomas Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85013

RE: Phoenix College Air Monitoring

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

Pursuant to your request, Dominion Environmental Consultants, Inc. (Dominion) conducted an air monitoring experiment to gather analytical data to establish the potential potency of any chemicals that may be released in the air from inside the laboratory facility along with the possible effect that those airborne chemicals may have on the community surrounding the science building at Phoenix College.

### **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN**

#### **Chemical Selection**

Dominion was provided a list of chemicals currently being used for chemistry lab classes at Phoenix College. From that list of chemicals, Dominion selected Ethyl Alcohol (Ethanol) and Toluene as the target chemicals for the testing episode. Ethanol was used because it is commonly used in lab experiments, can be easily converted into a vapor that would be expelled through the hood, is slightly denser than air, and is available in large quantities. Ethanol also has an established occupational exposure limit that can be used to evaluate the analytical data. Toluene was selected since it can also be easily converted to a vapor, is much denser than air and was available in sufficient quantities to conduct the experiment. It is also considered to be one of the more toxic chemicals used in laboratory experiments at Phoenix College. Toluene also has an established occupational exposure limit as well as population exposure limits, both of which can be used to evaluate the analytical data.

Chemicals that are denser than air would be expected to settle out of the air toward the ground once expelled from the chemical hood exhausts.

To assure the purity of the chemicals used during the experiment, a liquid solution of 95% Ethanol and 100% Toluene was provided to Dominion in sufficient quantities by Phoenix College laboratory staff members to conduct this experiment.

## **Air Monitoring Methodology**

Monitoring for Toluene and Ethanol was conducted using Assay 525 Monitor badges. Each badge is opened up to allow for contact to the air. As the Toluene and Ethanol diffuses into the badge, the molecules adsorb onto the collection media inside the badge and are retained until the badge arrives at the laboratory. The rate of diffusion is 83.4 mL/min into the badge for Ethanol and 69.5 ml/min for Toluene. At the end of the sampling period, the badge is capped to prevent additional diffusion into the badge and placed in a sealed container for transport to the laboratory. Once at the laboratory, the chemicals absorbed to the sampling media are desorbed and analyzed. All assay badges were submitted to SGS Galson Laboratory in Syracuse, NY under chain of custody for analysis. Samples were analyzed for Ethanol following mod. NIOSH 1400 and for Toluene following mod. NIOSH 1501/OSHA 111.

## **Chemical Hood Set Up**

Dominion was provided access to an organic chemistry laboratory equipped with 7 chemical hoods. In each hood a hot plate was installed with two beakers. One beaker was filled with 50 milliliters (ml) of Ethanol and one beaker was filled with 50 ml of Toluene. Dominion was informed by the laboratory staff that the each beaker would contain approximately 50 times the amount of each chemical than what would be utilized in a typical laboratory class. The hot plate was turned on to boil the Ethanol and Toluene. All of the Toluene and Ethanol had been evaporated off by the end of the monitoring period.

A single assay badge was placed along the back of two of the chemical hoods. Smoke tubes were used to determine the air stream pattern in the hood around the beakers so that the badge could be accurately placed inside the airstream. The badge was deployed for a total of 65 minutes. At the time, the air flow monitors on the chemical hoods indicated flow rates were between 101-107 feet per minute.

Dominion observed that a hood certification sticker was attached to each chemical hood. The certifications were conducted by Advanced Testing and Certification (ATC) and are good until August 31, 2019.

## **Community Background Air Monitoring**

Prior to placing the Ethanol and Toluene in the chemical hoods, Dominion deployed assay badges at three locations in the surrounding community. Badges were placed at 936 West Verde Lane, 1126 West Edgemont Avenue and 1110 West Edgemont Avenue. West Verde Lane is located approximately 0.06 miles northeast of the science building and West Edgemont Avenue is located approximately 0.09 miles south of the science building. The badges were deployed from 10:39 am to 11:39 am at 936 W. Verde Ln., 10:34 am to 11:34 am at 1110 W. Edgemont Ave., and from 10:37 to 11:37 am at 1126 W. Edgemont Ln.

The wind direction and speed reported in the area at the beginning of the background monitoring was from the east at 5 miles per hour. Winds were reported to be calm by the end of the monitoring period.

## **Community Air Monitoring**

Once the chemicals were placed on the hotplates in the chemical hoods assay badges were deployed at 1110 W. Edgemont Ave, 1126 W. Edgemont Ave., 924 W. Verde Ln., 936 W. Verde Ln. and 931 W. Verde Ln. The badges were deployed as follows:

1126 W. Edgemont Ave. – 11:41 am to 12:41 pm  
1110 W. Edgemont Ave. – 11:44 am to 12:44 pm  
936 W. Verde Ln. – 11:48 am to 12:48 pm  
924 W. Verde Ln – 11:50 am to 12:50 pm  
931 W. Verde Ln – 11:51 am to 12:51 pm

The wind direction and speed reported in the area during the monitoring period was variable at 3 miles per hour.

## **RESULTS**

Monitoring badges were placed in hoods 3 and 5 in the chemistry lab. The concentration of Toluene ranged from 200 to 450 parts per million (ppm) and from 490 to 550 for Ethanol.

The background levels for the airborne chemicals released into the community during the period for when the test chemicals were deployed inside the laboratory hoods were reported by laboratory analytical results to be less than the level of analytical detection of 0.7 ppm for Ethanol and 0.3 ppm for Toluene.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

When evaluating the potential health impact to the students and staff and the surrounding neighborhood, Dominion compared the analytical data to both regulatory limits as well as minimal risk levels.

The current OSHA permissible exposure limit for Toluene is 200 ppm for an 8 hour time weighted average and 300 ppm for a 15 minute time weighted average. The analytical data indicates that concentration of Toluene detected in the hoods would have exceeded the OSHA exposure limits. When the vapors are expelled from the exhaust fans they are diluted 168 percent with fresh air. The vapor is further diluted in the outdoor air above the exhaust fans. Dominion compared the analytical data in the surrounding neighborhood to the Minimal Risk Levels (MRLs) published by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The MRLs are health-based values to protect the health of the general population. The ATSDR states: “An MRL is an estimate of the amount of a chemical a person can eat, drink, or breathe each day without a detectable risk to health. If someone is exposed to an amount above the MRLs, it does not mean that health problems will happen.” MRLs can be made for 3 different time periods: acute – 1 to 14 days of exposure, intermediate – 15 to 364 days and chronic – exposure for more than 364 days. The current MRL for chronic inhalation of Toluene is 1ppm. According to the analytical data produced as a result of the air sampling collected in the neighborhood, the neighborhood exposure for Toluene would be well below the MRL for chronic inhalation exposure.

The current OSHA permissible exposure limit for Ethanol is 1000 ppm for an 8 hour time weighted average. There currently are no established or published short term exposure limits for Ethanol. Based on the analytical data collected in the chemical hood, the Ethanol levels would not have exceeded the established OSHA permissible exposure limit. There are also no established MRLs for Ethanol. Given the same dynamics of vapor dilution as provided above and the analytical data collected from the neighborhood, it is Dominion’s opinion that there would be no increased risk to the surrounding neighborhood, based on the data presented herein.

Furthermore, as stated earlier, the levels of chemicals used in the simulation provided above were approximately 50 times the amount that would normally be used during a typical chemistry lab experiment. Therefore, the overall risk to the community would be significantly lower than reported during this simulation experiment.

In conclusion, it is Dominion's opinion based on the data presented herein, that considering the current laboratory equipment and protocols used along with the amount and type of chemicals utilized in the laboratory at Phoenix College, it does not currently pose a health threat to the surrounding community.

Dominion recommends that a full re-evaluation be conducted if the intended use of the laboratory is changed or if any of the laboratory chemicals being utilized during this evaluation are changed or are different in potency than those evaluated during this investigation.

### **LIMITATION**

The conclusions and results contained herein are based solely on the information presented in this report. The sampling, testing, and observations described in the report represent conditions only at the specified times and locations. Additional information or contamination which were hidden, undiscovered, inaccessible, or not a part of the findings presented herein, would result in the modification of the conclusions and recommendations made herein. The sampling methods, techniques, and scope of services were not comprehensive or to be considered all inclusive. Any corrective measures are presented as a courtesy and are not to be considered a complete or detailed set of specifications. Dominion performed its investigation in a specific area, as directed by the client.

Dominion's scope of service did not include the inspection for, or identification of any other hazardous or controlled substance not specifically identified herein.

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If you should have any questions or would like to discuss the contents of this report, please do not hesitate to contact Dominion at any time.

Sincerely,

Dominion Environmental Consultants, Inc.



Dr. Ryan Kuhn, Ph.D., CIH  
Corporate Director of Industrial Hygiene Services



# **EXHIBIT 1**

Mr. Ryan Kuhn  
Dominion Environmental Consultants  
20045 North 19th Avenue  
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Phoenix, AZ 85027

November 13, 2018

DOH ELAP #11626  
AIHA-LAP #100324

Account# 21261

Login# L462056

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Enclosed are the analytical results for the samples received by our laboratory on November 06, 2018. All test results meet the quality control requirements of AIHA-LAP and NELAC unless otherwise stated in this report. All samples on the chain of custody were received in good condition unless otherwise noted.

Results in this report are based on the sampling data provided by the client and refer only to the samples as they were received at the laboratory. When possible, non-IOM samples will be retained for 14 days following the date of this report (unless an extension is specifically requested). IOM samples are retained for 7 days.

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Please contact Nicole Tormey at (888) 432-5227, if you would like any additional information regarding this report. Thank you for using SGS Galson.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Swab  
Laboratory Director

Enclosure(s)



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LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Client : Dominion Environmental Consult Account No.: 21261  
Site : Phoenix College Login No. : L462056  
Project No. : AZ1419.76  
Date Sampled : 02-NOV-18 Date Analyzed : 08-NOV-18  
Date Received : 06-NOV-18 Report ID : 1101520

**Ethyl Alcohol**

Sample ID	Lab ID	Time minutes	Raw ug	Total ug	Conc mg/m3	ppm
936 W VERDE BACKGRND	L462056-1	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
1126 W EDGEMONT BKGD	L462056-2	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
1110 W EDGEMONT BKGD	L462056-3	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
1110 W. EDGEMONT	L462056-4	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
1126 W. EDGEMONT	L462056-5	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
924 W. VERDE	L462056-6	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
936 W. VERDE	L462056-7	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
931 W. VERDE	L462056-8	60	<5	<7	<1	<0.7
HOOD 3	L462056-9	65	4100	5600	1000	550
HOOD 5	L462056-10	65	3600	5000	920	490
BLANK	L462056-11	NA	<5	<7	NA	NA

**COMMENTS:** Please see attached lab footnote report for any applicable footnotes.

Level of quantitation: 5 ug	Submitted by: ARE	Approved by: MLN
Analytical Method : mod. NIOSH 1400; GC/FID BADGE	Date : 13-NOV-18	NYS DOH # : 11626
Collection Media : Assay 525	Supervisor : KAG	QC by : MLN

< -Less Than	mg -Milligrams	m3 -Cubic Meters	kg -Kilograms	NA -Not Applicable	ND -Not Detected
> -Greater Than	ug -Micrograms	l -Liters	NS -Not Specified	ppm -Parts per Million	



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Toluene

Table with 7 columns: Sample ID, Lab ID, Time (minutes), Raw (ug), Total (ug), Conc (mg/m3), ppm. Rows include various sample types like VERDE BACKGRND, EDGEMONT BKGD, VERDE, HOOD, and BLANK.

COMMENTS: Please see attached lab footnote report for any applicable footnotes.

Level of quantitation: 5 ug Submitted by: ARE Approved by: MLN
Analytical Method : mod. NIOSH 1501/OSHA 111; GC/FID BADGE Date : 13-NOV-18 NYS DOH # : 11626
Collection Media : Assay 525 Supervisor : KAG QC by : MLN

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The stated LOQs for each analyte represent the demonstrated LOQ concentrations prior to correction for desorption efficiency (if applicable).

Unless otherwise noted below, reported results have not been blank corrected for any field blank or method blank.

L462056 (Report ID: 1101520):

Total ug corrected for a desorption efficiency of 73%.  
 SOPs: GC-SOP-16(19), GC-SOP-12(15), GC-SOP-9(19)  
 Results calculated with a desorption efficiency (DE) that is less than 75% are considered to be semi-quantitative.

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Date Analyzed: 08-NOV-18

L462056 (Report ID: 1101520):

Accuracy and mean recovery data presented below is based on a 95% confidence interval (k=2). The estimated accuracy applies to the media, technology, and SOP referenced in this report and does not account for the uncertainty associated with the sampling process. The accuracy is based solely on spike recovery data from internal quality control samples. Where N/A appears below, insufficient data is available to provide statistical accuracy and mean recovery values for the associated analyte.

Parameter	Accuracy	Mean Recovery
Ethyl Alcohol	N/A	N/A

L462056 (Report ID: 1101521):

Total ug corrected for a desorption efficiency of 98%.  
SOPs: GC-SOP-16(19), GC-SOP-12(15), GC-SOP-9(19)

L462056 (Report ID: 1101521):

Accuracy and mean recovery data presented below is based on a 95% confidence interval (k=2). The estimated accuracy applies to the media, technology, and SOP referenced in this report and does not account for the uncertainty associated with the sampling process. The accuracy is based solely on spike recovery data from internal quality control samples. Where N/A appears below, insufficient data is available to provide statistical accuracy and mean recovery values for the associated analyte.

Parameter	Accuracy	Mean Recovery
Toluene	+/-6.6%	97.2%

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936 W Verde Background	11-2-18	Assay N525 Organic Vapor Monitor		60 min	Toluene + Ethanol	mod. NIOSH 1501/OSHA 111; GC/FID BADGE	
9126 W Edgemont Background	↓	Assay N525 Organic Vapor Monitor		↓	Toluene + Ethanol	mod. NIOSH 1501/OSHA 111; GC/FID BADGE	

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Hood 3		Assay N525 Organic Vapor Monitor		65 min	Toluene + Ethanol	mod. NIOSH 1501/OSHA 111; GC/FID BADGE	
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