

**CON 12-15  
Doc # 11120**

## ***Site Sampling***

***January 16, 2003***

***Location:***

**423 Court Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa**

***Prepared For:***

**Mr. Ted Neuser  
Des Moines Police Officers Credit Union  
100 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite A  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

**Project Number EN236**

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January 28, 2003

Mr. Carl Lundberg  
Contaminated Site Section  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Wallace State Office Building  
502 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

In Re: 423 Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa  
Our File No. 40438

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

We represent Charold Realty Co. as the equitable title holder of the above referenced property. Pursuant to our telephone conference of January 23, 2003, I am enclosing a copy of the Lenz Environmental, Inc. site sampling report dated January 16, 2003. The report shows an elevated level of arsenic on the property.

Our client has a purchase agreement with the Des Moines Police Officers Credit Union for the sale of the property. It is my understanding that the Des Moines Police Officers Credit Union intends to redevelop the property by removing the existing improvements and constructing a new credit union building on the property. I expect that their improvements would include a parking area and green space in compliance with City of Des Moines building and zoning ordinances.

We would like to obtain a "no further action" letter from the IDNR relating the reported arsenic levels. The parties would like to obtain a response from the IDNR within the next three weeks to remain on schedule with planning and closing requirements. Any assistance that you may be able to provide in expediting this request is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Marcus F. Abels

MFA/mls  
cc: Charold Realty Co.  
Iowa Realty Commercial

January 16, 2003

Mr. Ted Neuser  
Des Moines Police Officers Credit Union  
100 East 2nd Street, Suite A  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Subject: Site Sampling, 423 Court Ave, Des Moines, Iowa  
Project EN236

Dear Mr. Neuser:

This letter provides the results of the soil and asbestos sampling for the above referenced site.

## **BACKGROUND**

The site is an empty lot at the southwest corner of Court Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A building is located on the southwest portion of the lot. You have requested that the soil on site be sampled for Lead and Arsenic, and that suspect materials in the building be sampled for asbestos. The site diagram is included in Figure 1.

## **FIELD SERVICES**

A site visit was made on January 7, 2003 to collect the samples. Two samples were collected from soil on site. Sample #1 was collected from near the northeast corner of the building. Sample #2 was a composite sample from three locations (#2A, #2B, and #2C) collected from a line east west in the center of the property. The sample locations are indicated in Figure 1.

Access was gained to collect samples of material from inside the building for asbestos analysis. The floor was concrete, with the walls concrete block. Insulation was not observed inside the building. The roof was in poor repair with holes and material falling onto the floor. A sample of the roofing material was collected for asbestos analysis.

## **SAMPING AND ANALYSIS**

The soil samples were containerized, placed on ice, and delivered via chain-of-custody procedures to TestAmerica Labs, Cedar Falls, Iowa. The samples were analyzed for Lead and Arsenic. The report of analytical results and chain-of-custody are provided in

this report. The suspect asbestos sample was delivered to Iowa Environmental Services, Inc. for analysis by EPA 600/R-63/116 Method.

**FINDINGS**

The report of analytical results indicated that asbestos-containing material was not present in the sample from the roof material. Based upon these results and the site visit it is unlikely that asbestos material is present on site.

The metal results that were above the method detection limits are indicated in the following table.

**Soil Sample Results milligrams/kilogram**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Sample #1</b>	<b>Sample #2</b>	<b>State Wide Standard</b>	<b>Site Standard Nonresidential Less than 2 feet</b>
<b>Arsenic</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>

The standards were obtained from the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 137, Standards for Soil, Iowa Land Recycling Program. The Arsenic concentrations are above the land recycling statewide standard of 1.4 milligrams/kilogram (mg/kg). There is also a site specific standard for nonresidential use sites and shallow soil (less than 2 feet) of 2.1 mg/kg.

The soil standards are based on incidental ingestion of soil and dust only. It should be noted that chemical standards at these concentrations may be at or below background levels. The IAC Chapter 137 indicates that background levels are levels that are naturally occurring or are present and not related to a readily identifiable release. The background levels for Arsenic in this area could be above 20 mg/kg.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

IAC Chapter 131 indicates that a person manufacturing, storing, handling, transporting, or disposing of a hazardous substance shall report the occurrence of a hazardous condition. A site which is an abandoned or uncontrolled disposal site is considered a hazardous condition. Reporting is considered the responsibility of the landowner.

The redevelopment of this site should take into consideration the presence of the metal concentrations above the statewide standards. Pathways to consider would be worker exposure during construction and occupant exposure related to the end use of the property.

Additional assessment would be required to characterize the extent of metals impact in the soil. Soil characterization to the depth of planned construction operations is recommended. Also groundwater sampling should be considered to determine if the soil impact has leached into groundwater and migrated off site.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

The analysis and opinions expressed in this report are based upon data obtained from the sampling performed at the indicated locations and from other information discussed in this report. No other warranty, expressed or implied is made.

If you have questions about this report please contact me. We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you.

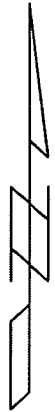
Sincerely,

Brian R. Lenz, C.G.P.  
President

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Enclosure

Capital Center



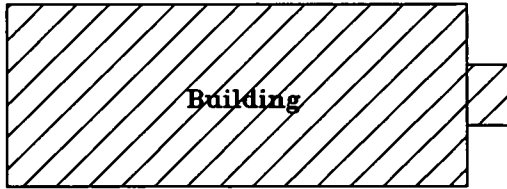
Court Avenue

#2C

Sign  
#2B

#2A

#1



Building

Property

Alley

5th Street

Boyer Petroleum

Generalized Diagram, Not to Scale

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423 Court Ave  
Des Moines, Iowa

Figure 1  
Site Diagram

**ANALYTICAL AND QUALITY CONTROL REPORT**

Brian Lenz  
LENZ ENVIRONMENTAL  
4950 Pleasant Street  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

01/10/2003

Job Number: 03.00202

Enclosed is the Analytical and Quality Control reports for the following samples submitted to the Cedar Falls Division of TestAmerica, Inc. for analysis.

<u>Sample Number</u>	<u>Sample Description</u>	<u>Date Taken</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
715547	S #1 #EN236	01/07/2003	01/08/2003
715548	S #2 #EN236	01/07/2003	01/08/2003

The Quality Control report is generated on a batch basis. All information contained in this report is for the analytical batch(es) in which your sample(s) were analyzed.

TestAmerica, Inc. certifies that the analytical results contained herein apply only to the specific samples analyzed.

Reproduction of this analytical report is permitted only in its entirety.

*Kristin Clay*  
Project Manager

# Test America

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## ANALYTICAL REPORT

Brian Lenz  
LENZ ENVIRONMENTAL  
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01/10/2003

Job Number: 03.00202

Client Project ID: Court Avenue #EN236

Analyte	Result	Flag	Units	Quantitation Limit	Date Analyzed	Analyst Initials	Prep Batch No.	Run Batch No.	Method Reference
<b>SAMPLE NO.</b> 715547	<b>SAMPLE DESCRIPTION</b> S #1 #EN236		<b>DATE-TIME TAKEN</b> 01/07/2003						
Solids, Total	94.90		%	0.01	01/09/2003	asb		2274	SM 2540 G
ICP Metals Prep (Solid)	1.002		g		01/09/2003	tdo	1308		
ICP Metals-Solid									
Arsenic, ICP	51		mg/kg dw	4.2	01/09/2003	neh	1308	2250	SW 6010B
Lead, ICP	242		mg/kg dw	5.3	01/09/2003	neh	1308	2260	SW 6010B

<b>SAMPLE NO.</b> 715548	<b>SAMPLE DESCRIPTION</b> S #2 #EN236		<b>DATE-TIME TAKEN</b> 01/07/2003						
Solids, Total	92.70		%	0.01	01/09/2003	asb		2274	SM 2540 G
ICP Metals Prep (Solid)	1.058		g		01/09/2003	tdo	1308		
ICP Metals-Solid									
Arsenic, ICP	24		mg/kg dw	4.3	01/09/2003	neh	1308	2250	SW 6010B
Lead, ICP	119		mg/kg dw	5.4	01/09/2003	neh	1308	2260	SW 6010B

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## QUALITY CONTROL REPORT CONTINUING CALIBRATION VERIFICATION

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01/10/2003

Job Number: 03.00202

Analyte	Prep Batch No.	Run Batch No.	CCV True Value	Units	CCV Conc Found	CCV %	Flag	Date Analyzed
ICP Metals-Solid								
Arsenic, ICP		2250	5.00	mg/L	5.17	103		01/09/2003
Arsenic, ICP		2250	5.00	mg/L	4.88	98		01/09/2003
Lead, ICP		2260	5.0	mg/L	5.17	103		01/09/2003
Lead, ICP		2260	5.0	mg/L	4.93	99		01/09/2003

**QUALITY CONTROL REPORT  
BLANKS**

Brian Lenz  
LENZ ENVIRONMENTAL  
4950 Pleasant Street  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

01/10/2003

Job Number: 03.00202

Analyte	Prep	Run	Blank	Flag	Units	Quantitation Date	
	Batch	Batch				Limit	Analyzed
	No.	No.	Value				
Arsenic, ICP	1308	2260	<0.080		mg/L	4.0	01/09/2003
Lead, ICP	1308	2260	<0.10		mg/L	5.0	01/09/2003

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## QUALITY CONTROL REPORT LABORATORY CONTROL STANDARD

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01/10/2003

Job Number: 03.00202

Analyte	Prep Batch No.	Run Batch No.	LCS True Conc	Units	LCS Conc Found	LCS % Rec.	Flag	Date Analyzed
Arsenic, ICP	1308	2250	2.00	mg/L	1.94	97		01/09/2003
Lead, ICP	1308	2260	2.0	mg/L	1.96	98		01/09/2003



QUALITY CONTROL REPORT  
DUPLICATES

Brian Lenz  
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West Des Moines, IA 50266

01/10/2003

Job Number: 03.00202

Analyte	Prep	Run	Duplicate		Units	RPD	Flag	Date
	Batch	Batch	Sample	Sample				
	No.	No.	Result	Result				Analyzed
Solids, Total		2274	1.40	1.40		0.0		01/09/2003

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## QUALITY CONTROL REPORT MATRIX SPIKE/MATRIX SPIKE DUPLICATE

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01/10/2003

Brian Lenz

Job Number: 03.00202

Analyte	Prep	Run	Matrix	Sample	Spike	Percent	MSD	MSD	Percent	MS/MSD		
	Batch	Batch	Spike								Result	Result
	Number	Number	Result	Result	Amount	Units		Amount	Units			
ICP Metals - Solid												
Arsenic, ICP	1308	2250	185	15	188	mg/kg	90.4	180	160	mg/kg	91.7	2.7
Lead, ICP	1308	2260	186	<10	188	mg/kg	100.0	182	180	mg/kg	101.1	3.2

NOTE: Matrix Spike Samples may not be samples from this job.

RPD = Relative Percent Difference



# ANALYTICAL REPORT

## IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Inc.



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Lenz Environmental, Inc.  
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Lab ID #: 31731  
Project No:

Sample Description: Client #: ---  
Court Avenue-Tar Material

Date Taken: 1/7/2003

Date Received: 1/7/2003

### Asbestos Identification

Sample Color: Black

Estimated % by volume

#### Fibrous Asbestiforms

Actinolite/Tremolite	ND
Amosite	ND
Anthophyllite	ND
Chrysotile	ND
Crocidolite	ND
Total Fibrous Asbestiforms	<1%

#### Other Components

Cellulose	35
Fibrous Glass	ND
Synthetics	ND
Perlite	ND
Horse Hair	ND
Quartz	ND
Other Fibrous Components	ND
Nonfibrous	65

#### Analyst Notes:

Iowa Environmental Services, Inc. is accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP). Laboratory code #101990-0. All analysis are performed by polarized light microscopy using the EPA 600/R-93/116 Method. Disclaimer: FLM has been known to miss asbestos in a small percentage of samples which contain asbestos. Thus negative results cannot be guaranteed. Iowa Environmental Services, Inc. suggests that samples reported as <1% or none detected to be tested with either SEM OR TEM. The above test report relates only to the items tested. This report may not be reproduced, except in full without written approval of Iowa Environmental Services Inc. The above test must not be used by the client to claim product endorsement by NVLAP or any other agency of the United States Government. This laboratory is not responsible for the accuracy of results when requested to physically separate and analyze layered samples.

Analyst: Robert L. Sigmund, Jr.

Date of Analysis: 1/7/2003

