

Operations Division Occupational Health and Safety

OHS Case ID: **04253LGFT094**
Field Visit no: **04253LGR099**

Visit Date: **2017-MAR-27**

Field Visit Type: **INITIAL**

Workplace Identification: **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: MEDICAL SCIENCE BLDG
1 KING'S COLLEGE CIRCLE, TORONTO, ON, CANADA M5S 1A8**

Notice ID:

Telephone:
(416) 978-2028

JHSC Status:
Active

Work Force #:
800

Completed %:

Persons Contacted: **DAVID CAHALIN, JLL PM; HEATHER TAYLOR, DIRECTOR & JHSC MANAGEMENT REP; RICHARD HEGELE, VICE-DEAN; YANG TING SHEK, OHS SPECIALIST; ARTUR JAKUBOWSKI, JHSC WORKER REP; DOUG COLBY, COORDINATOR HAZ MAT CONSTRUCTION.**

Visit Purpose: **TO OBSERVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT**

Visit Location: **215 HURON - 7TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

Visit Summary: **SEE NARRATIVE BELOW
NO ORDERS ISSUED**

Detailed Narrative:

The purpose of today's visit to this workplace by the Ministry of Labour (MOL) was to review information gathered following complaints made regarding asbestos events.

The following complaint was made:

"many teaching assistants and professors who hold classes in the medical sciences building (Floor 3-7) is not notified about a potential asbestos exposure. A shaft, in the building and paint is suspected to contain asbestos in Floors 3-7 , Medical Sciences Building"

This inspector was accompanied by D. Winter, MOL Hygiene Consultant.

The following items were discussed:

The University of Toronto has demonstrated that an asbestos inventory is kept electronically and is accessible to anyone with a U of T ID. Workers are made aware of this record during their Basic Health and Safety Awareness training and via email communications/e-bulletin.

Workplace parties advised that clearance air testing results are posted on Type 3 containments.

Ambient air sampling has been conducted in many locations throughout the medical sciences building (MSB). Ambient air sampling is not the same as clearance sampling and therefore the requirements under 278/05 do not apply to the ambient sampling performed. Ambient air sampling results are posted on a bulletin board and portal.

The University of Toronto has demonstrated that sampling reports pertaining to the asbestos exposure have been provided to the MSB JHSC.

Recipient	Inspector Data	Worker Representative
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Title: <u>Occupational Health and Safety Manager</u>		Title: <u>Worker Co-Chair</u> MSB JHSC
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>

You are required under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to post a copy of this report in a conspicuous place at the workplace and provide a copy to the health and safety representative or the joint health and safety committee if any. Failure to comply with an order, decision or requirement of an inspector is an offence under Section 66 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. You have the right to appeal any order or decision within 30 days of the date of the order issued and to request suspension of the order or decision by filing your appeal and request in writing on the appropriate forms with the Ontario Labour Relations Board, 505 University Ave., 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P1. You may also contact the Board by phone at (416) 326-7500 or 1-877-339-3335 (toll free), mail or by website at <http://www.olrb.gov.on.ca/english/homepage.htm> for more information.



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Should workers have concerns about past exposure to asbestos, they are advised to complete an internal incident report and a WSIB Form 7. Students may complete an internal incident report.

MOL Hygienist Comments:

Reports related to ambient airborne testing for asbestos fibres collected within MSB were reviewed. It was indicated that testing locations are chosen based on occupant concerns as well as randomly to provide a representative distribution throughout the building. All sample results have indicated that concentrations of airborne asbestos fibres were below the occupational exposure limit of 0.1 fibres / cubic centimeter at the time of testing. It was been reported that over 200 air samples have been collected throughout MSB.

-end of comments-

An ongoing investigation into this concern has already commenced.

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Not all areas of the work place were inspected at the time of the visit.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

For further information on Health and Safety the Ministry of Labour has a website at www.labour.gov.on. This website contains general information and guides, legislation and regulations, health and safety guidelines, engineering data sheets and hazard alerts.

To contact the Ministry of Labour to report a fatality, critical injury or concern: 1-877-202-0008

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