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To: [Saldivar, Christina \(she/they\)](#)
Cc: [Meredith, Craig](#); [Calvo, Estrella](#); Joshua.Koch@epa.ohio.gov
Subject: RE: Environmental Complaint Received Youngstown Academy of Excellence
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 10:43:32 AM
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Good morning Christina,

Our inspector was out on this site Monday, March 11, 2024, met with Ashley Wright, Director of Academics, and walked through the building located at 1408 Rigby St., Youngstown, OH 44506. The first two floors of the school are occupied. There is no renovation or demolition activities occurring at this site. However, the third floor has some hard plaster ceiling and wall damage causing it to delaminate and fall to the floor most likely due to a leaking roof. This floor is closed off and is not being used by the school. I have attached a couple photos of the damage below. Ms. Wright had no idea what an AHERA inspection/management plan was or if they had any kind of asbestos related documentation. Our inspector spent a good bit of time educating Ms. Wright, encouraging them to hire a certified and trained person to bring them into compliance and to get the plaster debris properly cleaned up if it turns out to be ACM. Our inspector has also reached out to a William Williamson, Facilities Coordinator with ACCEL, school management company, and he responded that he was unable to provide any information on this issue either but will look into it. Ms. Wright stated that the head of the school, Heather Knapp [REDACTED], would be better to talk to about this issue and may know more about it. She was not present at the site during our visit. Our inspector has sent follow up emails and made phone calls and to date we have not received any additional responses.

The building appears to be a former City of Youngstown elementary school. I have attached two old asbestos abatement notification(s) for 1408 Rigby St., Youngstown from our asbestos data base that we found so it looks like they are aware of asbestos. Our inspector also put a call into Nancy Mikos ([REDACTED], [REDACTED]) Operations Supervisor, Youngstown City School District, to inquire if there is/was an old asbestos management plan for the school, but have not heard back yet.

Billy Williamson
Facilities Coordinator

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]



Let me know if you have any additional questions. If we come up with any more information we will

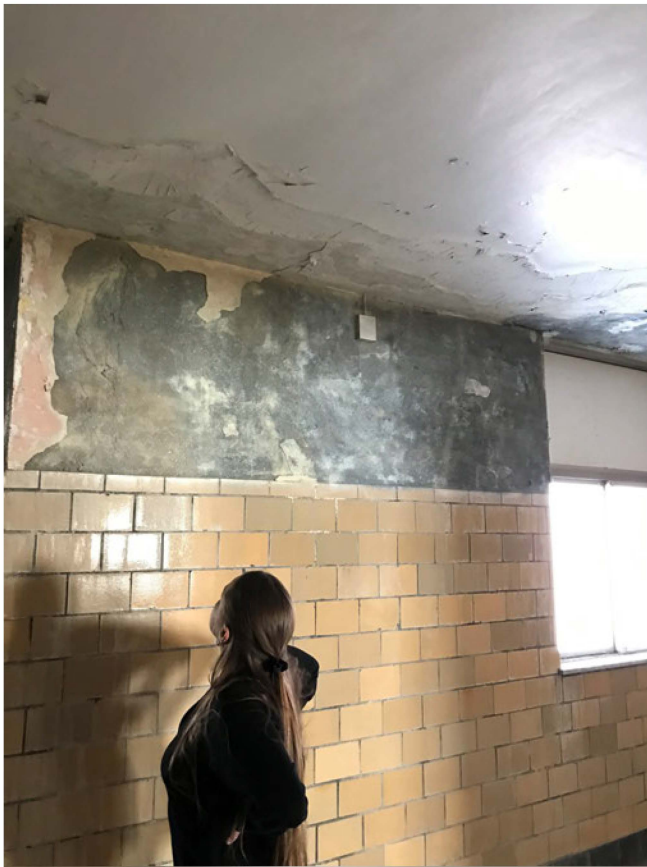
let you know. Thank you.

Restroom:





Hallway:





Thank you,



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From: Saldivar, Christina (she/they) <saldivar.christina@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 10:29 AM

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Subject: RE: Environmental Complaint Received Youngstown Academy of Excellence

Good Morning Jeff:

Hope you are doing well! Thank you for bringing this matter to EPA's attention.

We would appreciate if the inspector can verify if the school is implementing and updating an asbestos management plan with response action records, reinspection reports, periodic surveillance reports, custodial training, and annual notifications to school staff and families. Photos or copies of the most recent reports of the asbestos management plan would be great. We plan to proceed with an AHERA investigation based on the inspector's observations.

Thanks,

Christina

Christina Saldivar (she/her/them)

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Subject: FW: Environmental Complaint Received Youngstown Academy of Excellence

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Hi Christina,

Please see the below school complaint in Youngstown, OH. Our inspector will be making a site visit today to investigate this from our end of things but wanted to let you know in case you needed to do something from your end.

Thank you,



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From: EPA Complaints_NEDO <nedo.complaints@epa.ohio.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 2:33 PM
To: Gerdes, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Gerdes@epa.ohio.gov>; Goicochea, Joseph <Joseph.Goicochea@epa.ohio.gov>
Subject: FW: Environmental Complaint Received Youngstown Academy of Excellence

Thanks.

From: EPA.Complaint_Tracker@epa.ohio.gov <EPA.Complaint_Tracker@epa.ohio.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 1:42 PM
To: EPA Complaints_NEDO <nedo.complaints@epa.ohio.gov>
Cc: Becker, Sarah <sarah.becker@epa.ohio.gov>
Subject: Environmental Complaint Received Youngstown Academy of Excellence

An environmental complaint was received by Ohio EPA at 3/8/2024 1:30:10 PM, the complaint has **No photo(s) attached.**

District Office: NEDO

ID: 240308071306_SEC

Type: Air

Source:

Youngstown Academy of Excellence

Address: 1408 Rigby St.
City ,State Zip Code: Youngstown, Ohio 44506

Location:

County:Mahoning County
Latitude: 41.09143514
Longitude: -80.62239131

Complaint Details: Complaint entered by Doug Dobransky of DAPC/NEDO following phone conversation with complainant [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] does not have computer access to enter s complaint on OEPA's online form. [REDACTED] and has been in the school numerous times. [REDACTED] is concerned that water damaged plaster is falling from the ceiling on the 3rd (top) floor that may contain asbestos, but not sure. [REDACTED] said the 3rd floor is closed off and not being used but is still concerned that asbestos dust may be getting to the 2nd and 1st floors that are still being used as classrooms.

Complainant

Complainant: [REDACTED]
Address:
City ,State Zip Code: ,
Phone: [REDACTED]
EMail:

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