

TCE, (trichloroethylene) a common degreaser was found at elevated levels at all of the 6 samples at the church. The levels of TCE revealed 27, 27 and 24 parts per billion for the Child Care area, Basement and Youth Lounge. The preferred New Jersey State Health Department Standard is 3 parts per billion. They not only exceeded the NJDEP Residential Indoor Air Screening Levels, but also the Rapid Action Level and the Health Department Notification Level. Also found in the basement area was a single indoor air sample level for benzene which exceeded the Residential Indoor Air Screening Level. The residential standard is applicable because of the day care use.

Once these results were received, Sadat released the data and was required to notify the State Department of Health. The State Board of Health consulted their staff, and their decision was that they did not see an increase in risk that merits action at that site. They feel if the numbers are consistent, they are okay with it regarding the licensing. Also notified was the DEP, which required that a second set of sampling be done of the indoor and subslab points at the Church, and it was completed today. Mr. Ferguson indicated that we can expect data Friday evening, and he will advise the Mayor and Pastor as soon as it is received. Once the data has been received, a meeting will be held with the Borough, Pastor, Board of Health and DEP and discuss where we go from here.

This could include remediation, which would bring down the levels to an acceptable level of 3 parts per billion. One suggestion would be to put holes in the slab and vent out the volatile compound out of the building. Also, for the time being they could open the windows to let the building breathe.

The Middlesex Borough Board of Health has been advised of this matter, and due to the fact that there was a Regional Board of Health Meeting tonight, Mr. Sumner was unavailable, but could be reached at the Library if needed.

Mayor Fuhrmann opened the meeting to the public. Seeing that there was no public participation, Mayor Fuhrmann closed the meeting to the public.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned seconded by Council President Schueler and carried by unanimous vote of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Clerk