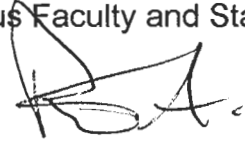


**To:** Eastview Campus Faculty and Staff

**From:** Robert Aguero 

**Date:** January 19, 2005

**Subject:** **Update on Environmental Test at the Eastview Campus**

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As stated in our December 7, 2004 memo, the City of Austin identified a portion of the Eastview Campus property as a former municipal solid waste landfill. In response to this finding, ACC contracted an environmental consulting firm to conduct various tests on subsurface soils, soil vapors, and groundwater, as well as indoor and outdoor air.

While the full property assessment will take several more months to complete, we have the following progress to report at this time:

- Indoor air testing for the presence of methane gas has been conducted in all campus buildings and no methane has been detected.
- Below ground soil and soil vapor sampling has also been conducted in outdoor areas over much of the property and beneath building 9000. In limited areas of the property, including under building 9000, the below ground testing has confirmed the presence of certain chemicals commonly associated with landfill materials (e.g. methane gas, petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, etc.). Being below the ground, no direct routes of exposure have been identified. The presence of these subsurface chemicals will be the subject of further assessment.
- Where methane has been detected in below ground soils near or beneath a building, methane entry into the building has been restricted by the underlying soils and the concrete building foundation, which acts as a structural barrier.
- We have initiated an interim indoor air monitoring program to ensure conditions inside all buildings remain protective over time. In the relatively near future (i.e., 3 to 6 months), we anticipate this interim program will be replaced with a permanent air monitoring program.

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ACC has recently entered the property into the Voluntary Cleanup Program regulated by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The College is also in the process of registering the Eastview Campus property pursuant to regulations (30 Texas Administrative Code 330 Subchapter T) which pertain to the use of enclosed structures built over landfills. This general notice is being provided to all property occupants as part of the Subchapter T registration process. In addition to working with the TCEQ, ACC is also working with the City of Austin and the Austin Fire Department.

We reiterate that it is our first priority to ensure that conditions at the campus remain protective for our students, employees and visitors. ACC will continue to work closely with TCEQ staff throughout this process.

Feel free to contact ACC Environmental Health and Safety Manager Becky Cole at 223-1015.

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