

Questions & Answers  
Cloverbelt Co-Op Services (former)  
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**QUESTION:** STS Consultants, Ltd. was involved with environmental assessment of the former Cloverbelt Coop Site, Wausau, WI (Commerce No. 54401-2605-02-A). In June 1999, after a potential buyer expressed concerns about odors in the basement of the office building at 1202 North First Street, STS collected an air sample from the women's restroom (the room with strongest odors in the basement). The results of the sampling were forwarded to Ms. Lisa Gutknecht on January 21, 2003. All detected compounds were below the time weighted average threshold limit values (TLV) provided by OSHA and NIOSH. However, the detected values were higher than EPA's Region III Risk Based Concentrations for air (RBCa) for 1,2,4- and 1,3,5- trimethylbenzenes and naphthalene.

**Answer:** The report containing the above information was not present in the case file, therefore, Commerce had no knowledge of such an event. However, representatives of Commerce and the City of Wausau interviewed the occupants of the office building at 1202 North First Street (known as the Dairy Heard Co-Operative). During the interview and inspection of the basement the occupants were questioned if petroleum odors were ever noticed in the basement or anywhere else throughout the building. The occupants of the building stated that they never noticed any odors anywhere in the building and were not aware of any air samples taken inside the building.

This new information will not change the activities outlined in the bid document. The primary purpose of this bid to remove any potential for odors in the basement of the office building, therefore, if odors have been detected in the past this bid will remove the potential of petroleum odors in the basement.