



## LEAD-BASED PAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT

US - 176 (WHITMIRE HWY.) BRIDGE OVER PADGETTS CREEK  
SCDOT BRIDGE #442017600200  
UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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☐ Yes, LBP was found.  
☒ No, LBP was not found.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This executive summary is intended as an overview for the convenience of the reader. This report should be reviewed in its entirety prior to making any decisions regarding this project.

F&ME Consultants, Inc. (FME) has completed a Lead-Based Paint (LBP) investigation on the US-176 (Whitmire Hwy.) Bridge over Padgetts Creek (Bridge), in Union County, South Carolina at the request of HDR (Client). The purpose of the investigation was to locate, identify and test components of the Bridge that are painted or coated with LBP. The field investigation was performed on February 7, 2023, in anticipation of the on-alignment replacement of the existing Bridge. Appendix A – Site Vicinity Map is provided to show the location of the Bridge. Appendix B – General Bridge Plan, is provided to show the lay-out of the Bridge and a reference for locations of XRF scans.

Per an agreed upon scope of work, this LBP Investigation was conducted to identify accessible Bridge components that have been painted or coated with lead-containing materials that have concentrations greater than or equal ( $\geq$ ) to the regulatory limit of 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. This investigation includes both a visual evaluation of the physical condition of painted materials as well as quantitative testing of surfaces using an X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) LBP analyzer. The XRF documents the concentration of lead, if any, in the overall paint or coating. Bridge components were scanned with a Viken XRF analyzer (Model # Pb200i, Serial #1888, Reference Date: 11/01/22) with a limit of detection (LOD) of 0.1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

LBP is regulated by multiple government agencies, and each requires different response actions when the concentration of lead exceeds specified thresholds. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulates worker exposure to lead dust, and as a result considers materials with any lead content to be a potential hazard. Additionally, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) requires some waste materials to be disposed of at specific disposal facilities that are able to manage this waste. Appendix C – XRF Data, is provided to present the XRF data in a user-friendly format. Items in [Blue](#) text contain lead in concentrations that must be considered a potential for worker exposure by OSHA.

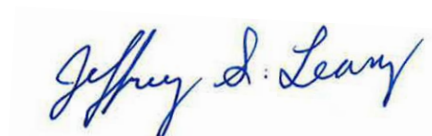
The results from the XRF quantitative testing of the Bridge components indicate that lead is not present in paint and/or coatings in concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> in the Bridge components scanned during this LBP investigation. However, some components had traces of lead less than 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These components are highlighted in [Blue](#) text in the Summary of XRF Data Table. Therefore, OSHA regulations and procedures should be followed when impacting these components.

For more information regarding the specific descriptions and locations of the items that were scanned, refer to the Appendix C – Summary of XRF Data. On the XRF Data Table, items in **Blue** text contain lead in concentrations ( $<$ )  $0.7 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  that must be considered a potential for worker exposure by OSHA. See Appendix E – Site Photos for locations and pictures of the materials with concentrations less than ( $<$ )  $0.7 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . Appendix D includes the inspector's EPA lead-based paint inspector certification.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (803) 254-4540.

Sincerely,

FME CONSULTANTS



**Jeffrey S. Leary**

SC Lead Based Paint Inspector

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Environmental Department Manager

## LEAD-BASED PAINT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines “LBP” as any coating that has a lead concentration of 1.0 milligrams of lead per square centimeter (1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) or greater, or if the lead concentration is greater than one half of a percent (> 0.5%) by weight. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) currently considers paint to be lead-containing if the concentration of lead exceeds 90 ppm (0.009% by weight). In 1978, the CPSC banned the sale of LBP to consumers, and banned its application in areas where consumers have direct access to painted surfaces. Both the CPSC and HUD definitions of lead-containing paint are aimed at protecting the general population from exposure to lead in residential settings.

In contrast, the mission of OSHA with respect to lead-containing paint is to protect workers during construction activities that may generate elevated airborne lead concentrations. OSHA states that construction work (including renovation, maintenance, and demolition) carried-out on structures coated with paint having lead concentrations lower than the HUD or CPSC can still result in airborne lead concentrations in excess of regulatory limits. For this reason, OSHA has not defined lead-containing paint, but states that paint having any measurable level of lead may pose a substantial exposure hazard during construction work, depending upon the work performed. Therefore, in these situations, OSHA guidelines and safety procedures should be followed. By OSHA standards and regulations, the employer shall ensure that no employee is exposed to lead at concentrations greater than fifty micrograms per cubic meter of air (50 ug/m<sup>3</sup>) averaged over an 8-hour period.

Additionally, SCDHEC requires the use of specific waste disposal sites if materials contain lead concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Due to the anticipated demolition of the structure, the SCDHEC lead disposal requirements were used as a threshold.

## INTRODUCTION

The existing bridge structure (~86.5' L x 28.5' W, inside curb to inside curb), is located on US-176 (Whitmire Hwy.) and crosses over Padgetts Creek in Union County, South Carolina. The construction date of the Bridge is unknown. The existing Bridge is a four (4) span, two (2) lane concrete and steel bridge, with an asphalt overlay. The original bridge deck is constructed with poured-in-place (PIP) concrete deck and horizontal concrete beams which rest on PIP concrete bent caps. The original Bridge bent caps are supported by two (2) PIP concrete piers. The Bridge was widened approximately 5' on the east and west sides in 1955 according to the date stamped into the concrete guardrail.



*Photo 1: US-176 (Whitmire Hwy.) Bridge over Padgetts Creek in Union County, South Carolina*

The bridge decking for the widened section of the Bridge is supported by PIP concrete bent caps that are supported by one (1) structural steel H-pile at the end of each bent. Metal drainage scuppers were noted along the sides of the bridge structure. Metal guardrails and posts are attached to the concrete curb on each side. See Appendix A – Site Vicinity Map, for the location of the Bridge. See Appendix B –General Bridge Plan, for a layout of the Bridge.

## INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESULTS

FME's LBP Investigation sampling protocol consisted of randomly selecting bridge components and scanning them with a Viken X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Portable Analyzer (Model # Pb200i, Serial #1888). None of the Bridge components tested positive for lead in concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

For more information regarding the specific descriptions and locations of the items that were scanned, refer to the Appendix C – Summary of XRF Data. On the XRF Data Table, items highlighted in **Red** are positive and contain lead in concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Items in **Blue** text contain lead in concentrations that must be considered a potential for worker exposure by OSHA. See Appendix D – Site Photos for locations and pictures of the materials with concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Appendix E includes the inspector's EPA lead-based paint inspector certification.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The results, conclusions and recommendations from this investigation are representative of the conditions observed at the site on the date of the field investigation. FME does not assume responsibility for any changes in conditions or circumstances that occur after the date of the field investigation. No other environmental issues were addressed as part of this report.

The results from the XRF quantitative testing of Bridge components scanned indicate that lead was not found to be present in paint and/or coatings in concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> in the Bridge components scanned during this LBP investigation. However, some components had traces of lead less than 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These components are highlighted in **Blue** text in the XRF Data Summary Table. Therefore, OSHA regulations and procedures should be followed when impacting these components. If possible, they should be removed in whole and disposed of properly.

If any concealed and/or inaccessible suspect LBP are encountered during the demolition activities, the affected contractor(s) must stop work, take appropriate actions, and notify the Owner/LBP Consultant for an appropriate response action.

As stated previously, OSHA regulates any measurable level of lead, as it may pose a substantial exposure hazard to workers. Therefore, in these situations, OSHA regulations and safety

procedures should be followed. These regulations also list the proper personal protective equipment to be used by the workers disturbing the LBP items and the requirements for personal air monitoring. OSHA's exposure action level (AL) for lead, regardless of respirator use, is an airborne concentration of  $30\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ , averaged over an eight-hour period. The action level (AL) is the level at which an employer must begin specific compliance activities as outlined in OSHA's lead standards. By OSHA standards and regulations, the employer shall ensure that no employee is exposed to lead at concentrations greater than fifty micrograms per cubic meter of air ( $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) averaged over an 8-hour period which is the permissible exposure level (PEL).

SCDHEC regulates the proper disposal of LBP and associated debris. SCDHEC defines two types of LBP debris. The first is LBP *waste*, which is defined as material such as wood, brick and metal that is painted with LBP. The other is LBP *residue* which is defined as residue that is generated from the removal (e.g., scraped, chipped, sandblasted, or chemical) of LBP from a structure. LBP *waste* that comes from a commercial or residential facility may be disposed of in either a class 2 or 3 landfill, while LBP *residue* from a commercial facility must have a toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) analysis to determine the lead content. TCLP analysis is used to determine whether or not a waste is a characteristic hazardous waste due to leachability under the South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. LBP *residue* with a TCLP analysis result greater than or equal to five milligrams per liter ( $\geq 5\text{ mg/l}$ ) lead must be disposed of in a Subtitle C landfill (Hazardous Waste). However, LBP *residue* from a commercial facility with a TCLP analysis result less than five milligrams per liter ( $< 5\text{ mg/l}$ ) lead is required to be disposed of in a Class 3 landfill.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be of service to HDR on this project. If you have any questions regarding the information presented herein, please contact our office at (803) 254-4540.

## APPENDICES

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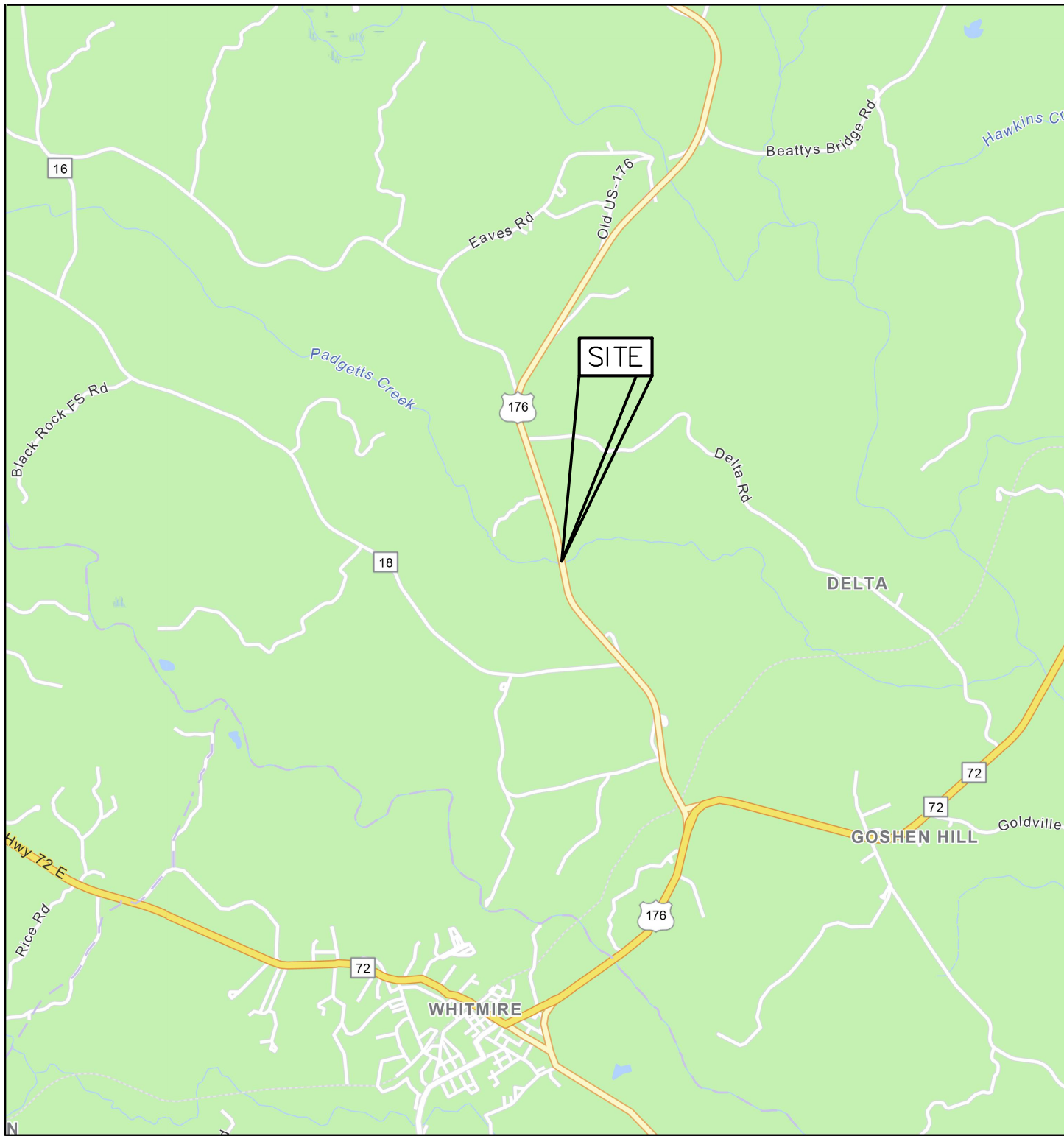
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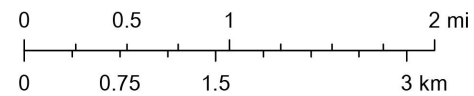


## Appendix A

### Site Vicinity Map



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## Appendix B

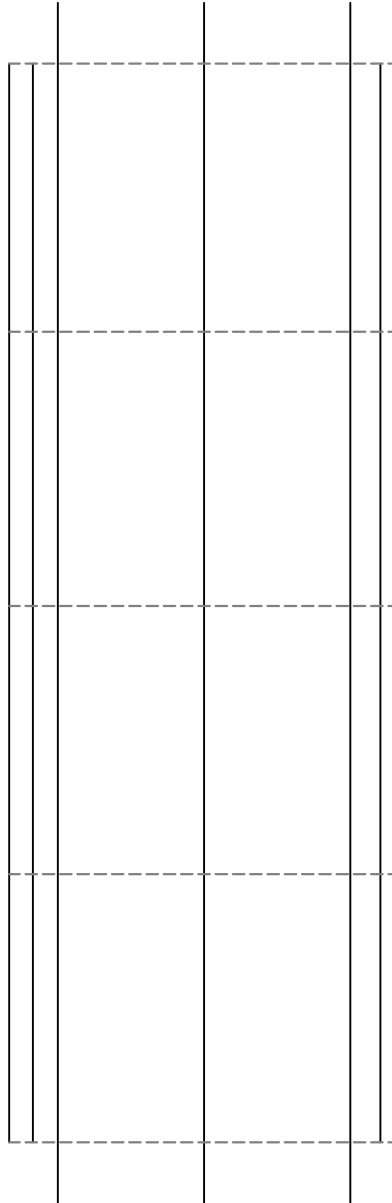
### General Bridge Plan



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US-176 Bridge over Padgett's Creek  
Union County, SC  
Sample Location Plan  
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## Appendix C

### Summary of XRF Data Table

Appendix C – XRF Data  
Date Scanned: 02/07/2023  
US-176 (Whitmire Hwy.) Bridge over Padgetts Creek

Scan No.	Pbc (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Component	Substrate	Side	Condition	Color
1	0.83	calibrate				
2	0.86	calibrate				
3	0.86	calibrate				
4	0.11	H pile	Metal	B	Intact	Black
5	0.16	H pile	Metal	B	Intact	Black
6	0.22	H pile	Metal	D	Intact	Black
7	<LOD	H pile	Metal	D	Intact	Black
8	0.25	guardrail	Metal	D	Intact	galvanized
9	<LOD	guardrail post	Metal	D	Intact	galvanized
10	<LOD	guardrail post	Metal	B	Intact	galvanized
11	0.22	guardrail	Metal	B	Intact	galvanized
12	<LOD	guardrail	Metal	B	Intact	galvanized
13	0.92	calibrate				
14	0.88	calibrate				
15	0.91	calibrate				

LOD (Limit of Detection) = 0.1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

Blue text indicates any concentrations of LBP which OSHA considers a potential exposure risk when removed.

Red text indicates concentrations of LBP that have specific disposal requirements regulated by SCDHEC.

## Appendix D

### Site Photos



**Photo 1.** Top View of Bridge Deck.



**Photo 2.** Underside View of Bridge.



**Photo 3.** West Side View of Bridge.



**Photo 4.** East Side View of Bridge.



**Photo 5.** New Bridge Addition Underside View.



**Photo 6.** SCDOT Bridge Number Placard Attached to the Concrete Guardrail.





## Appendix E

### EPA LBP Inspector Certification



# United States Environmental Protection Agency

This is to certify that



Jeffrey S Leary

has fulfilled the requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 402, and has received certification to conduct lead-based paint activities pursuant to 40 CFR Part 745.226 as:

Inspector

In the Jurisdiction of:

All EPA Administered Lead-based Paint Activities Program States, Tribes and Territories

This certification is valid from the date of issuance and expires July 29, 2024

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Certification #

March 09, 2021

Issued On



Adrienne Priselac, Manager, Toxics Office

Land Division