



## LEAD-BASED PAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT

US 76 (LONG CREEK HWY.) RBO CHAUGA RIVER  
OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PROJECT ID P043969

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

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## 1. 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) on the US 76 (Long Creek Hwy.) Bridge over the Chauga River (Bridge), in Oconee County, SC, at the request of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) (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 October 29, 2024, in anticipation of the on-alignment replacement of the existing Bridge. Refer to 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 milligram per square centimeter ( $\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2$ ). 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  $0.1 \text{ mg}/\text{cm}^2$ .

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 Environmental Services (SCDES) 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 red text contain lead in concentrations regulated by SCDES and these materials must be addressed upon disposal. Items red 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 present in paint and/or coatings in concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ )  $0.7 \text{ mg}/\text{cm}^2$  in the following Bridge components:

- Silver Metal Tie-Rod Washers
- Silver Utility Brackets attached to the South Underside of Bridge

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>. Refer to Appendix E, 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 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



**Michael S. Mincey**

SC Lead Based Paint Inspector

EPA Certification No. LBP-I-1198708-2 (Exp. 2/21/25)



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Environmental Department Manager

## 2. 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 ( $1.0 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) 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 parts-per-million (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 ( $50 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ) averaged over an 8-hour period.

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

## 3. INTRODUCTION

The existing bridge structure ( $\approx 252' \text{ L} \times 34' \text{ W}$ , inside curb to inside curb), is located on US 76 and crosses over Chauga River in Oconee County, South Carolina. The Bridge was constructed in 1965 according to the date stamped into the southeast concrete guardrail. The structure is a two (2) lane, five (5) span Bridge with poured-in-place (PIP) concrete bridge deck and concrete curbing with concrete guardrails. Galvanized metal guardrails are also attached to the concrete curbing on each side of the Bridge. The bridge deck is supported by six (6) structural horizontal precast concrete beams along with PIP concrete diaphragms. The precast concrete beams are supported by two (2)  $1''$  steel bearing plates which rest on the tops of



*Photo 1 – US 76 (Long Creek Hwy.) RBO Chauga River, Oconee County.*

the PIP concrete bent caps. The bent caps are supported by concrete piers. Two (2) cast iron utility pipes are attached to the north side of the Bridge along with two (2) galvanized utility pipes attached to the underside the south side. All utility pipes that are attached to the Bridge run it's entire length. Appendix B, General Bridge Plan, for a layout of the Bridge.

## 4. 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). The following Bridge components tested positive for lead in concentrations greater than or equal to ( $\geq$ ) 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>:

- Silver Metal Tie-Rod Washers
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## 5. 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 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 following Bridge components:

- Silver Metal Tie-Rod Washers
- Silver Utility Brackets attached to the South Underside of Bridge

Therefore, OSHA regulations and procedures should be followed when impacting these components. If possible, they should be removed in whole and disposed of properly. Also, SCDES disposal requirements for lead containing materials should also be followed.

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 micrograms per cubic centimeter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ ), 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).

SCDES regulates the proper disposal of LBP and associated debris. SCDES 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 ( $\geq 5 \text{ mg}/\text{l}$ ) 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 ( $< 5 \text{ mg}/\text{l}$ ) lead is required to be disposed of in a Class 3 landfill.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be of service to SCDOT 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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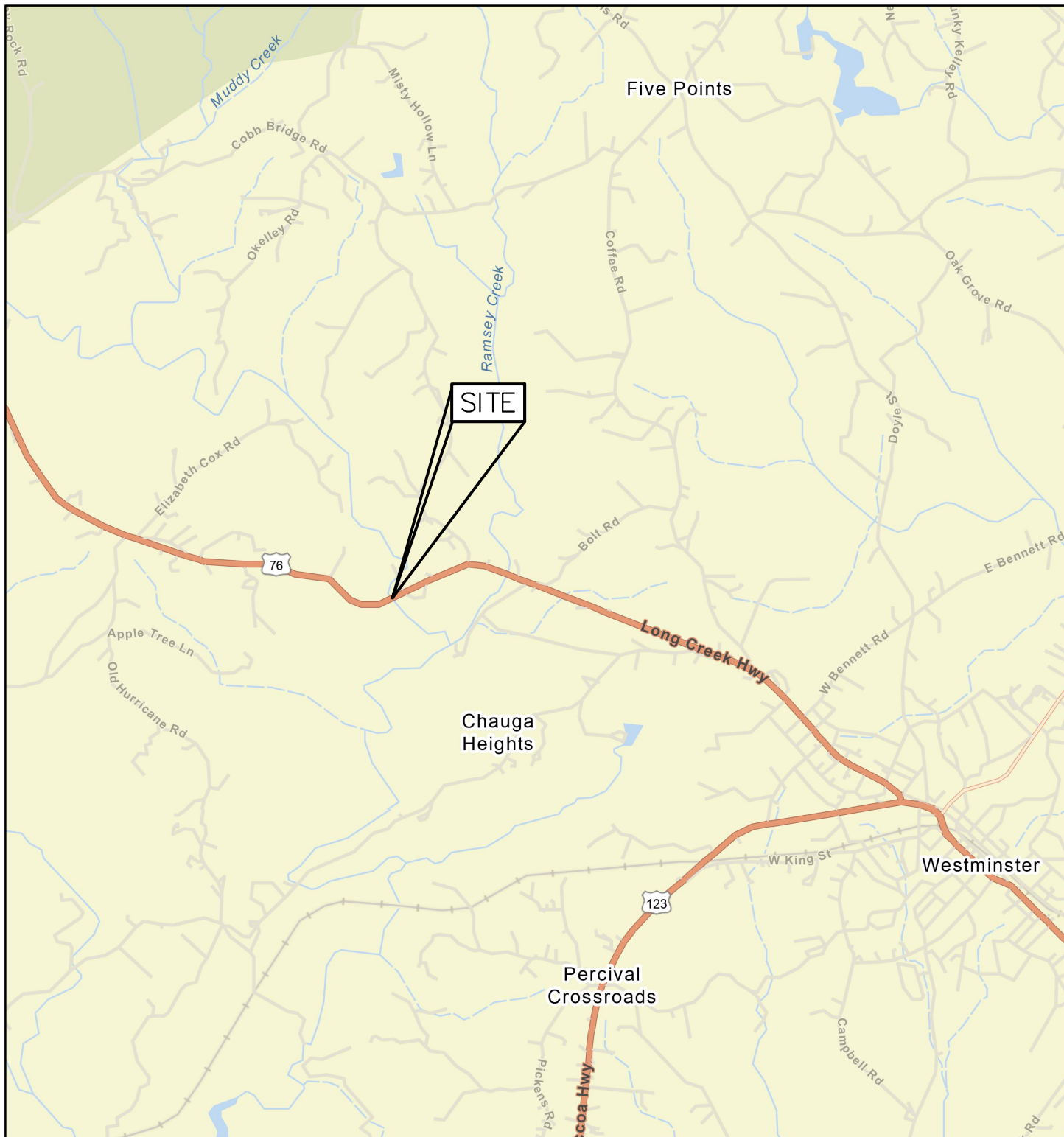
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## Appendix A

### Site Vicinity Map



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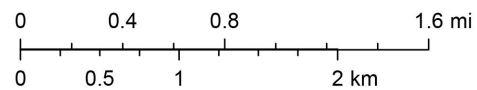


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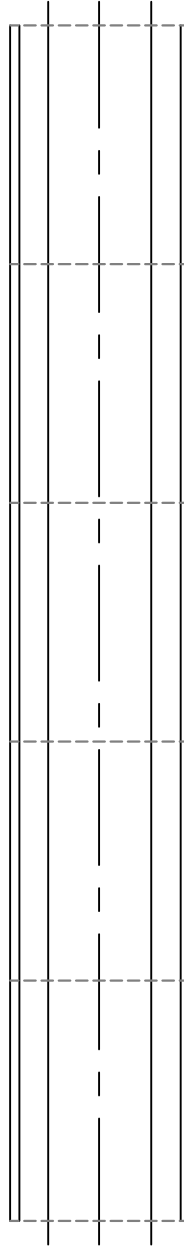
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### General Bridge Plan



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## Appendix C

### Summary of XRF Data Table

Appendix C – XRF Data  
Date Scanned: 10/29/2024  
US 76 (Long Creek Hwy.) RBO Chauga River

Scan No.	Pbc (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Component	Substrate	Side	Condition	Color
1	0.98	Calibrate				
2	0.94	Calibrate				
3	0.97	Calibrate				
4	0.87	Tie-Rod Washer	Metal	C	Poor	Silver
5	1.67	Utility Bracket	Metal	C	Poor	Silver
6	<LOD	Bearing Plate	Metal	D	Poor	Black
7	<LOD	Bearing Plate	Metal	Center	Poor	Black
8	<LOD	Bearing Plate	Metal	Center	Poor	Black
9	<LOD	Utility Bracket	Metal	A	Intact	Silver
10	<LOD	Utility Bracket	Metal	A	Intact	Silver
11	<LOD	Utility Bracket	Metal	A	Intact	Silver
12	0.96	Calibrate				
13	0.98	Calibrate				
14	0.99	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 SCDES.



## Appendix D

### Site Photos





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



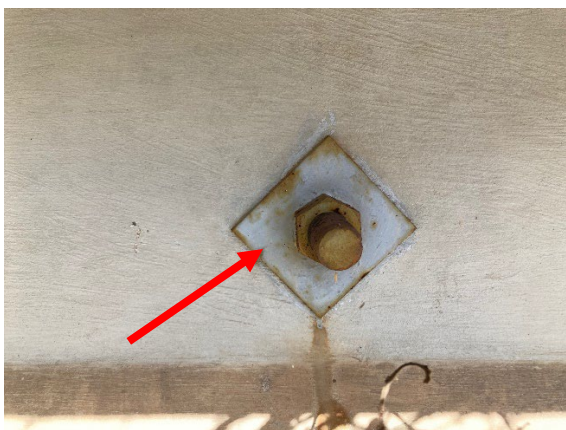
**Photo 2.** Southeast Corner View of Bridge.



**Photo 3.** Northwest Corner View of Bridge.



**Photo 4.** Underside View of Bridge.



**Photo 5.** LBP on Silver Tie-Rod Washer.



**Photo 6** LBP on Utility Bracket attached to the Underside of the Bridge on the South Side.





## Appendix E

### EPA LBP Inspector Certification



# United States Environmental Protection Agency

This is to certify that



Michael S Mincey

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 February 21, 2025

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Certification #

January 05, 2022

Issued On



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrienne Priselac".

Adrienne Priselac, Manager, Toxics Office

Land Division