



## ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

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

### PREPARED FOR:



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**November 1, 2024**

\_\_\_\_ ACM was found.

☒ ACM was not found.

F&ME Project No.: G7100.005

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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 an Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) Investigation of US 76 (Long Creek Hwy.) Bridge over the Chauga River (Bridge) in Oconee County, South Carolina at the request of South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) (Client). The field investigation was performed on October 29, 2024, in anticipation of an on-alignment replacement of the existing Bridge. This investigation was also conducted pursuant to South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations requiring an ACM investigation prior to demolition activities.

Per an agreed upon scope of work, FME performed this investigation to identify ACM that might be encountered during the demolition activities associated with the existing Bridge, and to provide recommendations regarding proper handling and disposal of ACM found. The investigation of the Bridge identified two (2) suspect materials, black expansion joint mastic and gray expansion joint caulk. During the field investigation, FME personnel collected samples of these materials and assessed their physical conditions. **Laboratory results indicated that the suspect materials sampled during this investigation contained no asbestos.** Therefore, at this time, no special handling or disposal requirements are required regarding ACM. However, during the course of demolition activities, previously concealed ACM might be discovered. If suspect ACM (i.e., bond break bearing pad materials) is found, the affected contractor(s) must stop work, take appropriate actions, and notify the Owner/Asbestos Consultant for an appropriate response action. The SCDES must be notified if any suspect ACM is discovered.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this Investigation, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (803) 254-4540.

Sincerely,

F&ME CONSULTANTS



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## 2. INTRODUCTION

FME has completed an ACM investigation of the US 76 (Long Creek Hwy.) Bridge over the Chauga River, in Oconee County, South Carolina. The investigation was performed on October 29, 2024. This investigation was conducted pursuant to SCDES, USEPA, NESHAP, and OSHA regulations which require an ACM investigation prior to demolition activities. Refer to Appendix A, Site Vicinity Map for the location of the Bridge.

It is our understanding that the proposed project will include the complete demolition and removal of the existing Bridge, and replacement with a new bridge along the existing alignment. The purpose of this investigation was to determine if asbestos was present on the existing Bridge by identifying and sampling suspect ACM, obtaining analytical results, quantifying any confirmed ACM, and assessing the physical condition of the ACM, where possible.

This report has been prepared exclusively for the Client and shall not be disseminated in whole or part to other parties without prior consent from Client or FME. No other environmental issues were addressed as part of this report.

## 3. EXISTING BRIDGE STRUCTURE

The existing bridge structure (≈252' L x 34' 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



*Photo 1: US 76 (Long Creek Hwy.) RBO Chauga River in Oconee County, South Carolina.*

are supported by two (2) 1" steel bearing plates which rest on the tops of 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. Refer to Appendix A, Site Vicinity Map, for the location of the Bridge. Appendix B, General Bridge Plan, for a layout of the Bridge.

## 4. FIELD ASSESSMENT

During the investigation, accessible bridge components (i.e., bent caps, bearing plates, scuppers, expansion joints, etc.) were visually inspected for suspect ACM. Examples of possible suspect materials include bond break bearing pads, expansion joint material, and drainage scuppers. Two (2) suspect materials were observed/visible on the Bridge. The suspect materials noted on the Bridge were black expansion joint mastic and gray expansion joint caulk. Samples of these materials were taken from random locations on the Bridge and submitted for laboratory analysis. Refer to Appendix B, Sample Location Plan, for detailed sample locations. Also, refer to Appendix G, Site Photographs, for more details.

## 5. ASSESSMENT RESULTS

During the investigation, black expansion joint mastic and a gray expansion joint caulk were the only suspect materials identified associated with the Bridge. A total of three (3) samples were taken of each of the suspect materials for laboratory analysis, and physical characteristics were recorded. The remaining structural materials (i.e., wood, steel, etc.) were not considered suspect and were not sampled.

Random samples of these suspect materials were collected for laboratory analysis, and their physical characteristics were recorded. Building materials such as concrete, metal, wood, brick, carpet, etc., were not considered suspect ACM. Bulk samples of suspect materials were analyzed by Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM) in accordance with EPA 600/R-93/116. Confirmation Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) was also performed on any non-friable organically bound materials that tested negative for asbestos content as per SCDES regulations effective May 27, 2011. A *“first positive stop”* protocol was implemented for sample testing. This protocol establishes that if the first sample of a material tested positive for asbestos content, subsequent samples were not to be analyzed and would be considered positive as well. A total of four (4) samples were analyzed by PLM and two (2) samples were TEM-confirmed. **The results of the analysis indicated that none of the suspect materials sampled during this investigation contained asbestos.** Results of laboratory analysis are summarized in Appendix C, Summary of Sample Results.

Appropriate sampling and chain-of-custody protocols were followed to ensure proper handling and delivery of samples to the analytical laboratory. Appendix D, Laboratory Analysis Reports and Appendix E, Laboratory Chain of Custody were provided to show laboratory documentation of the analytical results. Appendix F, Personnel Certification, provides the qualifications for the FME Asbestos Inspectors.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The results, conclusions, and recommendations of 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 may have occurred after this investigation.

It is our understanding that the subject Bridge is to be demolished in anticipation of an on-alignment replacement of the existing Bridge structure. **The results of the analysis indicated that the materials sampled during this investigation contained no asbestos.** Therefore, there are no foreseen special handling or disposal requirements, regarding asbestos, which will be required for the demolition of this bridge.

If any concealed and/or inaccessible suspect ACM (i.e., bond break bearing pad materials) are encountered during the demolition activities, the affected contractor(s) must stop work, take appropriate actions, and notify the Owner/asbestos Consultant for an appropriate response action. The SCDES must be notified if any suspect ACM is discovered.

This report has been prepared exclusively for the Client and FME and shall not be disseminated in whole or in part to other parties without prior consent from the Client and FME. Use of this document for bidding purposes is not recommended without prior consultation with FME.

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

## APPENDICES

Appendix A – Site Vicinity Map

Appendix B – Sample Location Plan

Appendix C – Summary of Samples

Appendix D – Laboratory Analysis Reports

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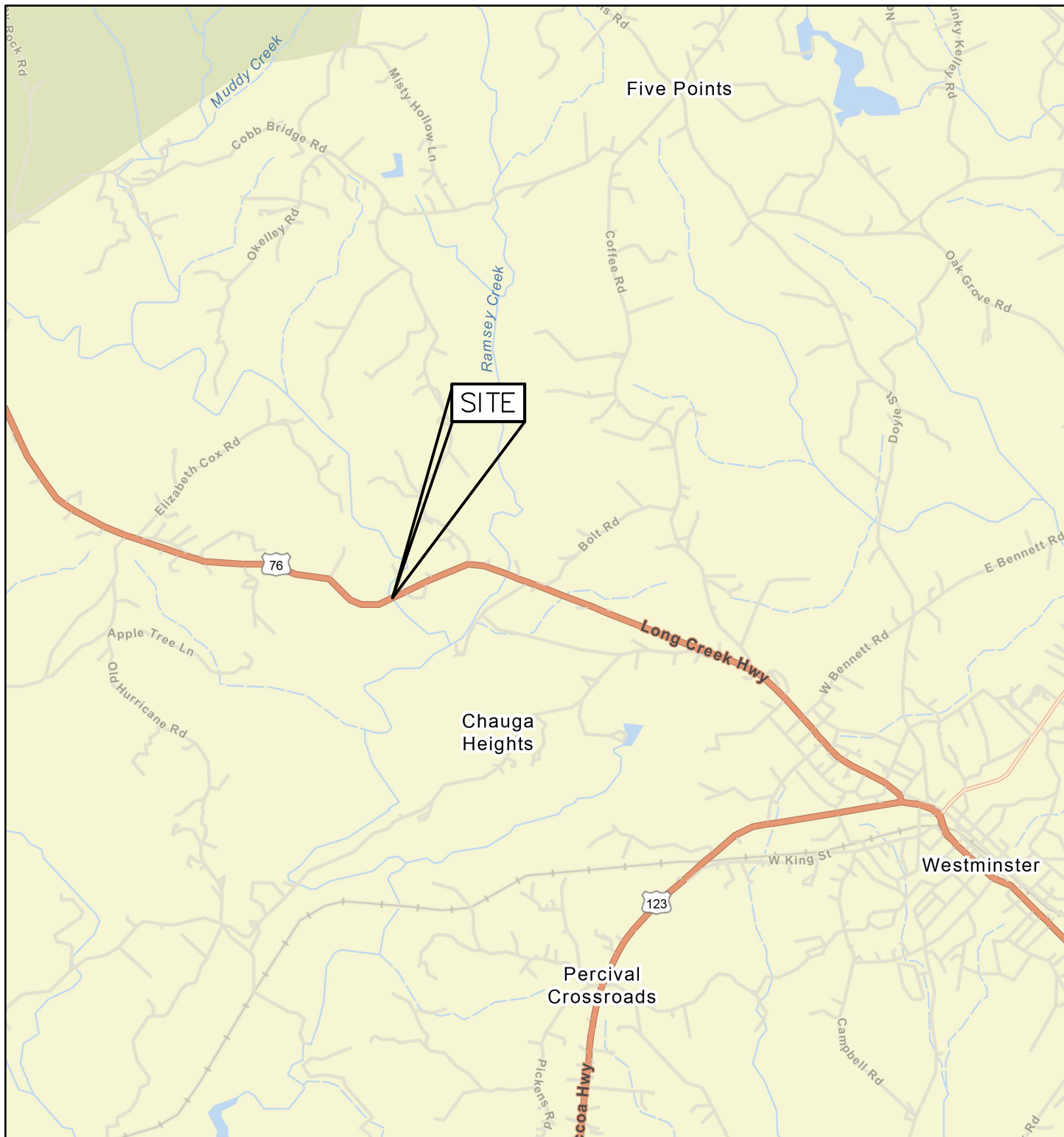
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## Appendix A

### Site Vicinity Map





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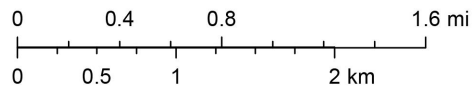


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## Appendix B

### Sample Location Plan

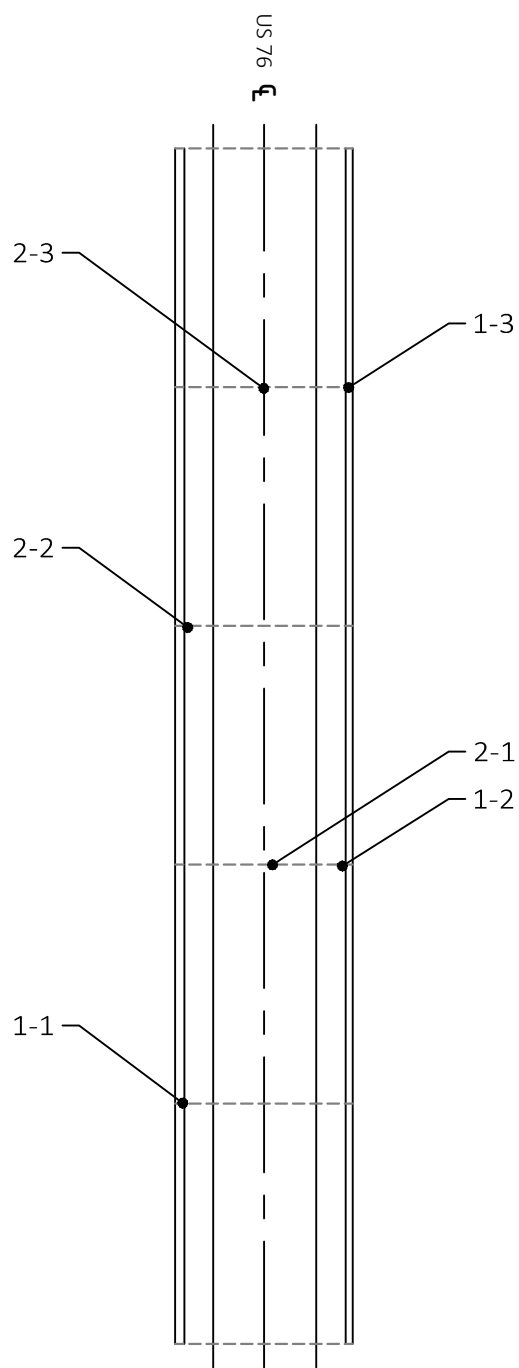


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## Appendix C

### Summary of Samples

## Appendix C: Summary of Samples

Sample ID	Description
1-1	Black Expansion Joint Mastic
1-2	Black Expansion Joint Mastic
1-3	Black Expansion Joint Mastic
2-1	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk
2-2	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk
2-3	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk



## Appendix D

### Laboratory Analysis Reports



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Customer ID: FMEC62

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Project ID:

Attention: Glynn M. Ellen

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Analysis Date: 10/30/2024

Collected Date:

Project: US 76 over Chauga River

## Test Report: Asbestos Analysis of Bulk Materials via AHERA Method 40CFR 763 Subpart E Appendix E supplemented with EPA 600/R-93/116 using Polarized Light Microscopy

Sample	Description	Appearance	Non-Asbestos		Asbestos
			% Fibrous	% Non-Fibrous	% Type
1-1 022406190-0001	Black Expansion Joint Mastic	Brown/Black Non-Fibrous Homogeneous	<1% Cellulose	100% Non-fibrous (Other)	None Detected
1-2 022406190-0002	Black Expansion Joint Mastic	Black Non-Fibrous Homogeneous	<1% Cellulose	100% Non-fibrous (Other)	None Detected
2-1 022406190-0003	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk	Gray/Tan Non-Fibrous Homogeneous	<1% Cellulose	100% Non-fibrous (Other)	None Detected
2-2 022406190-0004	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk	Gray Non-Fibrous Homogeneous	<1% Cellulose	100% Non-fibrous (Other)	None Detected

Analyst(s)

Cameron Evans (2)

Scott Combs (2)

Stephen Bennett, Laboratory Manager  
or Other Approved Signatory

EMSL maintains liability limited to cost of analysis. Interpretation and use of test results are the responsibility of the client. This report relates only to the samples reported above, and may not be reproduced, except in full, without written approval by EMSL. EMSL bears no responsibility for sample collection activities or analytical method limitations. The report reflects the samples as received. Results are generated from the field sampling data (sampling volumes and areas, locations, etc.) provided by the client on the Chain of Custody. Samples are within quality control criteria and met method specifications unless otherwise noted. The above analyses were performed in general compliance with Appendix E to Subpart E of 40 CFR (previously EPA 600/M4-82-020 "Interim Method") but augmented with procedures outlined in the 1993 ("final") version of the method. This report must not be used by the client to claim product certification, approval, or endorsement by NVLAP, NIST or any agency of the federal government. Non-friable organically bound materials present a problem matrix and therefore EMSL recommends gravimetric reduction prior to analysis. Unless requested by the client, building materials manufactured with multiple layers (i.e. linoleum, wallboard, etc.) are reported as a single sample. Estimation of uncertainty is available on request.

Samples analyzed by EMSL Analytical, Inc. Kernersville, NC NVLAP Lab Code 102104-0, Virginia 3333-000228, West Virginia LT000321

Initial report from: 10/31/2024 08:17:04



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## Test Report: Asbestos Analysis of Non-Friable Organically Bound Materials by TEM via EPA/600/R-93/116 Section 2.5.5.1

Sample ID	Description	Appearance	% Matrix Material	% Non-Asbestos Fibers	Asbestos Types
1-3 022406190-0005	Black Expansion Joint Mastic	Brown/Black Non-Fibrous Heterogeneous	100.0 Other	None	No Asbestos Detected
2-3 022406190-0006	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk	Brown/Gray Non-Fibrous Homogeneous	100.0 Other	None	No Asbestos Detected

Analyst(s)

Stephen Bennett (2)

Stephen Bennett, Laboratory Manager  
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Samples analyzed by EMSL Analytical, Inc. Kenersville, NC

Initial report from: 10/31/2024 08:17:08



## Appendix E

### Chain of Custody Form



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# Asbestos Chain of Custody

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Project Name/Number: US 76 over Chauga River		EMSL Project ID (Internal Use Only):	
U.S. State Samples Taken: SC		CT Samples: <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Taxable <input type="checkbox"/> Residential/Tax Exempt	
EMSL-Bill to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Different - if Bill to is Different note instructions in Comments** Third Party Billing requires written authorization from third party			
Turnaround Time (TAT) Options* - Please Check			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Hour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 48 Hour
<input type="checkbox"/> 72 Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> 96 Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Week
*For TEM Air 3 hr through 6 hr, please call ahead to schedule *There is a premium charge for 3 Hour TEM AHERA or EPA Level II TAT. You will be asked to sign an authorization form for this service. Analysis completed in accordance with EMSL's Terms and Conditions located in the Analytical Price Guide			
<b>PCM - Air</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check if samples are from NY <input type="checkbox"/> NIOSH 7400 <input type="checkbox"/> w/ OSHA 8hr. TWA <b>PLM - Bulk (reporting limit)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLM EPA 600/R-93/116 (<1%) <input type="checkbox"/> PLM EPA NOB (<1%) Point Count <input type="checkbox"/> 400 (<0.25%) <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 (<0.1%) Point Count w/Gravimetric <input type="checkbox"/> 400 (<0.25%) <input type="checkbox"/> 1000 (<0.1%) <input type="checkbox"/> NYS 198.1 (friable in NY) <input type="checkbox"/> NYS 198.6 NOB (non-friable-NY) <input type="checkbox"/> NYS 198.8 SOF-V <input type="checkbox"/> NIOSH 9002 (<1%)		<b>TEM - Air</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 4-4.5hr TAT (AHERA only) <input type="checkbox"/> AHERA 40 CFR, Part 763 <input type="checkbox"/> NIOSH 7402 <input type="checkbox"/> EPA Level II <input type="checkbox"/> ISO 10312 <b>TEM - Bulk</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TEM EPA NOB <input type="checkbox"/> NYS NOB 198.4 (non-friable-NY) <input type="checkbox"/> Chatfield SOP <input type="checkbox"/> TEM Mass Analysis-EPA 600 sec. 2.5 <b>TEM - Water:</b> EPA 100.2 Fibers >10µm <input type="checkbox"/> Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking All Fiber Sizes <input type="checkbox"/> Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking	
<b>TEM- Dust</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Microvac - ASTM D 5755 <input type="checkbox"/> Wipe - ASTM D6480 <input type="checkbox"/> Carpet Sonication (EPA 600/J-93/167) <b>Soil/Rock/Vermiculite</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PLM EPA 600/R-93/116 with milling prep (<1%) <input type="checkbox"/> PLM EPA 600/R-93/116 with milling prep (<0.25%) <input type="checkbox"/> TEM EPA 600/R-93/116 with milling prep (<0.1%) <input type="checkbox"/> TEM Qualitative via Filtration Prep <input type="checkbox"/> TEM Qualitative via Drop Mount Prep <input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati Method EPA 600/R-04/004 - PLM/TEM (BC only) <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
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Samplers Name: John Croom		Samplers Signature:	
Sample #	Sample Description	Volume/Area (Air) HA # (Bulk)	Date/Time Sampled
*1-1 thru 1-3	Black Expansion Joint Mastic		
*2-1 thru 2-3	Gray Expansion Joint Caulk		
Client Sample # (s): 1-1 - 2-3		Total # of Samples: 6	
Relinquished (Client):		Date: 10/29/2024	Time: 17:00
Received (Lab):		Date: 10/30/24	Time: 9:15
Comments/Special Instructions: SC Guidelines			

## Appendix F

### Personnel Certifications



# SCDES ISSUED

## Asbestos ID Card



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SA-00455**

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## Appendix G

### Site Photographs





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



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



**Photo 3.** Southeast Corner of Bridge.



**Photo 4.** Northwest Corner of Bridge.



**Photo 5.** Interior Bent Cap of Bridge.



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

