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I. SUMMARY

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) received a request from the State of Florida's Department of Health Rehabilitative Services (HRS) to evaluate the ventilation system at A.G. Holley State Tuberculosis (TB) Hospital in Lantana, Florida. Officials from HRS were concerned about the nosocomial transmission of TB, especially since the number of persons with multidrug-resistant strains of TB being admitted to the hospital for treatment is increasing. In addition to a ventilation assessment, the hospital's use of ultraviolet germicidal radiation and particulate respirators by employees was observed. A review of employees' health records and a TB surveillance protocol used at the hospital was also completed.

On May 19-21, 1992, investigators from NIOSH performed a Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) at Holley Hospital that included industrial hygiene and medical components. The industrial hygiene component focused on assessing the effectiveness of the ventilation systems in use at the hospital. A visual inspection of the ventilation systems, as well as a review of the original specifications of the air-handling units, was completed by the investigators. Additionally, measurements were taken of the air flow from supply and exhaust diffusers in patient rooms along with temperature and relative humidity measurements. The direction of air flow between patient rooms and hallways, and between hospital wards, was also determined in several locations in the hospital complex. The medical component consisted of a qualitative review of current employee infection control practices. Inadequacies in the employee TB skin test screening program precluded a quantitative analysis of the skin test conversion rate.

The investigation found that the ventilation systems at the hospital did not provide adequate fresh air to all of the patient rooms on the second and third floors of the hospital, even when they are classified as "patient rooms" rather than "isolation rooms" according to regulatory evaluation criteria. The airflow direction was from clean areas to infected areas, or from drug-sensitive TB wards to drug-resistant wards. There were no patient rooms that could be classified as isolation areas on the basis of ventilation evaluation criteria. The patient admission room on the first floor of the hospital was at negative pressure relative to the hallway as evidenced by the steady flow of air from the hallway into the admission room and out of the building through the exhaust ducts.

Some deficiencies were noted in the ventilation systems which could potentially contribute to the transmission of TB bacilli from infectious patients to other patients and hospital staff. Recommendations to modify the ventilation systems so that isolation evaluation criteria are met are offered in Section VIII of the report along with recommendations to strengthen the hospital's employee testing and infection control programs.

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II. INTRODUCTION

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) received a request for a health hazard evaluation (HHE) from the of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) on April 6, 1992. The HRS Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program was concerned about the ventilation system at the A.G. Holley State Tuberculosis Hospital in Lantana, Florida and its ability to adequately control nosocomial transmission of TB. A recent decision by the Florida Legislature to keep A.G. Holley State Hospital open for multidrug resistant TB (MDR-TB) patients and other hard to manage TB patients triggered the concern by Florida health officials. NIOSH investigators conducted an industrial hygiene and medical evaluation at the hospital on May 19-21, 1992. Preliminary findings were presented to the staff of the hospital during a closing conference on May 21, 1992.

III. BACKGROUND

The A.G. Holley Hospital is part of a 155 acre complex located in Lantana, Florida. Included in the complex are the original hospital nursing quarters, staff cottages, an HRS laboratory, the physical structures, along with a collage of additions, trailers, temporary structures, and a new Palm Beach County Public Health Unit clinic. Tenants of the complex include several HRS social service programs, the Department of Corrections, and the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

The Southeast Florida Tuberculosis Hospital, now known as A.G. Holley State Hospital, originally opened as a 500 bed hospital for the treatment of TB patients in 1950. By the early 1970s, because of newer, more effective drugs used in the treatment of TB, the patient census of the hospital dropped to less than 250 patients for TB therapy. The Department of Corrections began to use a portion of the hospital building for prison work release programs, treatment of addicts, and for prisoners in the corrections system who require hospitalization. By 1976, A.G. Holley was the only remaining TB hospital in Florida, with a maximum population of 150 patients, and initiated plans to close the hospital.

Other hospitals in southern Florida were reluctant to accept TB patients for treatment. Thus, A.G. Holley was forced to remain open. An increase in Cuban and Haitian immigrants infected with TB during 1977 to 1981 also contributed to the need for the facility to remain open. Additional attempts to close the hospital were unsuccessful in later years because there were few community-based alternatives for the management of TB patients. In 1991, a state TB Task Force determined that there was a need for a comprehensive program of medical and psychosocial care for persons with TB, and that the need was likely to increase throughout the 1990s, because of an increasing number of

people with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections, substance abuse, and MD. The Florida legislature concurred with the TB Task Force and determined that A.G. Holley State Hospital should remain open, but with the number of beds reduced to 50 in Fiscal Year 1992-93 for patients requiring long-term care.

Tuberculosis care activities are located on the first three floors, the basement of the east and central wings of the original hospital building. The west wing of the hospital building currently houses female prisoners from the Department of Corrections. Patients receiving treatment for MDR-TB are roomed on the east end of the third floor, separated from patients infected with drug-sensitive TB on the same floor by double doors in the hallway. Patients who have been on TB drug therapy for the longest time are housed in rooms on the third floor, along with any patients who are placed under locked custody of the hospital by the courts. During periods of low patient census, patients may be housed on the third floor. The first floor of the hospital is comprised of the patient admissions office, patient services offices, kitchen, cafeteria, chapel, and conference room. The basement houses the hospital support staff and administrative activities. The TB hospital is staffed by approximately 200 people, with two-thirds of the staff dedicated to the direct care of TB patients. The remaining staff is dedicated to administration and housekeeping, engineering, and physical plant activities.

There are two different air handling systems that supply ventilation to the TB hospital. The original building design had no mechanical ventilation system; air was delivered to the hospital through open windows. The first mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) unit was installed at the hospital in 1968. This HVAC system still supplies ventilation to portions of the third floor of the hospital, including the MDR-TB ward. A second HVAC system was installed in 1981, supplies air through individual room fan-coil units to the rest of the hospital. This system passes exhaust air and incoming outdoor air through a rotary air-to-air heat exchanger, located on the roof, to transfer sensible and latent heat, usually from the incoming air to the exhaust air, in order to conserve energy. Air conditioning for the hospital is accomplished using a chilled water system, and heating is done using steam from the boiler plant.

The employee health unit is located on the first floor of the hospital next to the patient admitting office, and across the hall from the patient social services office. The health unit includes an examination area and a record-keeping area. Radiographic equipment is located on the third floor; patient and employee x-rays are taken with the equipment.

All employee health records are maintained in individual file folders in the employee health unit. When the employee health nurse becomes aware that an employee has terminated employment, his or her health record is moved to a separate file drawer. Additionally, some information is summarized by date in spiral-bound notebooks. No these records are computerized.

The health unit is supposedly staffed on the day shift by a licensed practical nurse. In actuality, the nurse is reassigned to the plant floors on an as-needed basis and may only be in the employee health unit one day each week. The current employee health nurse has held this position for two years. For those shifts that the health unit is not staffed, the nursing supervisor on duty has oversight and responsibility for employee health.

All A.G. Holley employees receive new employee physical examinations and initial care for work-related injuries and illnesses through the health unit. The employee tuberculosis surveillance program includes periodic purified protein derivative (PPD) skin tests and chest X-rays. Details of the program are discussed below in section IV.D.

Laboratory services for A.G. Holley Hospital are contracted through the State Health Office Branch Laboratory which is located in a separate building on the A.G. Holley grounds. Laboratory workers, even though they are not directly employed by A. G. Holley, are covered under the A. G. Holley employee tuberculosis surveillance program but do not routinely receive any other care through the A.G. Holley health unit.

IV. EVALUATION CRITERIA

In the hospital setting, primary importance should be placed on the identification, treatment, and isolation of infectious TB patients and the correct application of principles of ventilation (both local and general). The use of germicidal ultraviolet radiation and personal protective equipment (respirators) should be viewed as ancillary control measures.¹

The risk of TB transmission in any setting is proportional to the number of viable TB bacilli in the air. All suggested control measures may reduce a worker's exposure to TB to some extent; however, there are no currently-available methods to quantify the degree of reduction that may be achieved by each control measure.

Principal efforts should be directed towards preventing infection. However, in those individuals who become infected, efforts should be directed towards preventing disease. Methods and procedures which reduce the chance of worker infection with *M. tuberculosis* are considered *primary prevention* strategies. Interventions which slow the progression of infection to disease are considered *secondary prevention*.

strategies. Local and general ventilation, as well as germicidal ultraviolet radiation and personal protective equipment, are *pri prevention* strategies. Employee skin testing programs using purified protein derivative (PPD) identify infected workers. An employee testing program, together with the follow-up of infected individuals is a *secondary prevention* strategy. An employee skin testing program which is well designed and adhered to can lead to a reduction of disease among workers.

A. Ventilation

Although ventilation is frequently relied upon to control TB in a health-care setting, ventilation systems sometimes can be complex and difficult to evaluate. Satisfactory performance of ventilation systems requires oversight by engineers or industrial hygienists. Incorrect design applications or inadequate maintenance can, in fact, increase the risk of TB transmission.^{2,3} Consensus guidelines for ventilation and ancillary measures (e.g., germicidal UV radiation, respirators) for worker protection have been formulated and are based on what are believed to be the most effective combination of feasible control strategies.^{4,5}

There are two types of ventilation used for control of airborne transmission of TB; general dilution ventilation and local exhaust ventilation. General dilution ventilation provides an exchange of contaminated indoor air with uncontaminated air, thereby diluting the airborne concentration of the infectious agent and reducing potential exposures for workers and other susceptible persons (i.e., patients and visitors). Each of these types of ventilation is explained more fully below.

1. General Dilution Ventilation

General dilution ventilation performs two functions. The first is to provide sufficient outside air to maintain comfort. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) recommends for hospitals a range of 15 to 30 cubic feet per minute (cfm) per person of outdoor air.⁶ The second function of general dilution ventilation is to provide sufficient exchange of potential contaminated air with clean air to minimize the risk of infection. ASHRAE and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) suggest airflow ranging from 4 to 25 air changes per hour (ACH), depending on the functional area of the hospital.^{5,6} These guidelines are provided in terms of pressure relationships to adjacent areas, minimum outdoor air and total air changes, exhaust location, and recirculation restrictions.

In addition to supplying the specified airflow, ventilatic systems should also provide satisfactory airflow patterns from area to area and within each room. Air flow should from "clean" to "less clean" areas, such as from hallways treatment rooms. This can be accomplished by creating neg (lower) pressure in the area into which flow is desired relative to adjacent areas. Negative pressure is attained exhausting more air from the area than is being supplied. large areas this will require careful balancing of the ventilation system.

Within a room or small area, a ventilation system should k designed to: 1) circulate air to all areas of the room (prevent stagnation of the air), 2) prevent short circuiti the supply to the exhaust (i.e., passage of air directly f the supply site to the exhaust point without mixing of roc air), and 3) direct the clean air past the worker without recirculation within the room. These conditions are not a achievable but should be attempted to the fullest extent feasible. One way to accomplish this is to supply low vel air at one end of a room and exhaust it from the opposite. Another method is to supply low velocity air near the ceil and exhaust it near the floor. However, air flow patterns also affected by air temperature, the precise location of supply vents and exhaust vents, diffuser design, the locat of furniture, movement of workers, and the physical configuration of the space. Each room or space must be evaluated individually.

Ideally, ventilation systems used in areas where *Mycobacte tuberculosis* may be present should supply non-contaminated (a portion should be outside air), discharge exhaust air t outside, and should not recirculate air back into the faci In no case should a room or area without mechanical exhaust ventilation be used for patients with *M. tuberculosis*.

Recommended ventilation rates in hospitals are frequently expressed in terms of air changes per hour (ACH). An ACH defined by the theoretical number of times that the air vc of a given space will be replaced in a one-hour period. Assuming perfect mixing, a rate of six ACH would require 46 minutes to remove 99.0% of contaminants from a room.¹ Hence, the air is not actually "changed" six times per hou The amount of air required to maintain six ACH in a smaller room will be less than a larger room.

For purposes of general ventilation, all supplied air does have to be outside air. For example, AIA recommends that operating rooms be ventilated with a minimum of three ACH

outside air with a minimum total of fifteen ACH. The remaining twelve air changes only need be "clean" air (often referred to as "transfer air"), not necessarily outside air. It is also advisable, however, to use the most stringent and protective alternative possible.

The AIA ventilation recommendations are presented in Table 1. Hospital isolation rooms should provide six ACH with all air exhausted directly to the outside. Exhaust locations should not be near areas that may be populated (e.g., sidewalks or windows that may be opened). Exhaust points should also be away from air intakes, so that exhaust air is not recirculated into the facility. The rooms should be under negative pressure with respect to adjacent areas.^{5,7} For isolation rooms, ASHRAE has similar recommendations, with the addition of a recommendation that two of the six ACH should be outside air. ASHRAE also recommends a minimum of 25 cubic feet per minute/person (cfm/person) of outside air for patient rooms. Finally, ASHRAE recommends a summertime temperature and relative humidity (RH) guideline for patient rooms of 75°F and 50% relative humidity (RH).⁶

2. Local Exhaust Ventilation

Local exhaust ventilation captures the infectious agent in the immediate field of an infectious patient (i.e., scavenging booths or tents) without exposing other persons in the area. Therefore, it is the preferred type of control strategy because the TB organisms are removed before they can disperse throughout the work area. Local exhaust ventilation is used most effectively in a fixed location. The hood portion of a local exhaust system may be of exterior design, where the infection source is near but outside the hood, or enclosure type, where the infectious source is within the hood. Enclosures (booths) are available for aerosol-generating activities, such as sputum collection and aerosol therapy. These devices may be exhausted directly to the outside, or they can exhaust through a HEPA filter back into the room.

B. Germicidal Ultraviolet (UV) Radiation

The value of germicidal UV light in the prevention of TB transmission is still being debated.^{8,9,10} The efficacy of UV radiation in clinical settings has not been demonstrated under controlled conditions, but there is a theoretical and experiential basis for believing that it is effective.^{11,12,13} The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has continued to recommend germicidal UV lamps (with appropriate safeguards to prevent

overexposure to health-care-facility personnel) as a supplement to ventilation in settings where the risk of TB transmission is

One concern in the use of UV radiation is the occupational exposure to workers who must work near the UV radiation. Short-term overexposure can cause keratoconjunctivitis and erythema of the skin.¹⁴ Long-term exposure to UV radiation is associated with increased risk of basal cell carcinoma of the skin and with cataracts.¹⁵ However, with proper installation and maintenance of the UV lamps, the risk of overexposure is low.

C. Personal Respiratory Protection

In 1990, the CDC produced Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings, with Special Focus on HIV-Related Issues.¹ In this document, CDC recommends that disposable particulate respirators be used by workers exposed to TB patients in certain situations. The use of respiratory protection is required to help minimize the risk of exposure to droplet nuclei for health-care-facility workers performing certain high-risk procedures or entering specific areas in hospitals, correctional facilities, and other environments where there are persons with infectious TB or potential TB transmitters. New guidelines on respirator use for workers in health-care facilities potentially exposed to TB have recently been issued by NIOSH. In the guidelines, varying levels of risk for worker exposure to TB are delineated from high risk procedures and locations to low risk or indeterminant potential for exposure situations. The guidelines specify that positive-pressure, air-line, halfmask respirator be used in high potential locations. In medium and low risk conditions, a powered, high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, halfmask respirator is suggested. In areas where there is no possibility of exposure to TB occurs, or in areas where effective infectious-source controls are in use, no respirator is needed according to the guidelines.

D. Employee Medical Monitoring

One purpose of a purified protein derivative (PPD) skin testing program is to identify individuals who have recently become infected with *M. tuberculosis*. It may be appropriate to treat newly infected individuals prophylactically with medication to reduce their likelihood of progressing to frank tubercular disease. Because there are side effects of, and medical contraindications to, chemoprophylaxis (anti-TB drug treatment), the appropriateness of treatment must be assessed on an individual clinical basis.

Without chemoprophylaxis approximately 5%-10% of persons develop active disease within 2 years of the primary infection. The

estimated relative risk of developing active disease is increased for persons with AIDS (170.0), HIV infection (113.0) or other immunocompromising conditions, such as diabetes mellitus type 2, renal failure (3.6-16.0) when compared to individuals with no risk factors.¹⁸

Persons with isoniazid (INH) susceptible *M. tuberculosis* infection treated chemoprophylactically with INH experienced a 30%-93% reduction in the rate of active disease; an 87% reduction was observed in persons coinfecting with HIV. Persons exposed to multidrug resistant *M. tuberculosis* may be offered alternative regimens of chemoprophylaxis, dependent on the HIV status of the individual and the drug resistance profile of the organism.¹⁷

The PPD skin testing programs in the occupational setting have a dual purpose. As above, they identify recently infected persons who may then receive chemoprophylaxis. Additionally, work-based testing programs serve as a surveillance function, identifying trends of infection among the workers. Identification of trends can lead to action preventing infection in other workers. The capability of a program to serve as a surveillance system largely depends on the adherence to an appropriate protocol, as well as conscientious maintenance of records.

V. METHODS

On May 19, 1992, NIOSH investigators were taken to the roof of A Holley Hospital in order to visually inspect two of the HVAC systems: the original ventilation system and the newer heat-wheel system. Individual fan coil units were observed in patient rooms during a walk-through tour. The mechanical diagrams of the ventilation systems for the hospital were reviewed with the hospital's maintenance superintendent. A detailed evaluation of the ventilation parameters in individual rooms in the hospital was undertaken on the next two days of the survey.

The environmental evaluation included airflow measurements made with a Shortridge Instruments, Inc. FlowHood® Model CFM 88. Using this instrument, airflow through a supply diffuser or exhaust grille was measured directly in cubic feet per minute (cfm). The measured airflows were compared to the design specifications on the mechanical plans to the AIA and ASHRAE guidelines. Smoke tests were conducted to evaluate (by visual observation) the relative pressures of the rooms with respect to the corridor, and in the corridors between different areas of the hospital, such as between the MDR-TB area and the drug sensitive TB patient area. For each of the patient rooms, the direction of smoke movement was observed both near the bottom and top of the door, with the door opened. Smoke tests in the hallway between two different areas of the hospital (e.g., Department of

Correction's prison area versus TB hospital) were conducted with door(s) closed. Temperature and RH measurements were made with Vaisala HM34 Humidity and Temperature meter.

The medical portion of the evaluation consisted of a review of the health records to ascertain the quality of information recorded pertaining to the employee tuberculosis surveillance program. Records of employees fitting three categories were reviewed: all employees with a reported work-related PPD conversion since 1984 (21 total), all employees with a reported needlestick or related injury (13 total), and six randomly selected records. Additional sources of information included spiral-bound notebooks summarizing information of each employee's initial hire physical examinations and skin test results. A protocol written by the hospital's acting superintendent, dated June 27, 1985, which delineates the procedures of the employee tuberculosis surveillance program, was also provided to NIOSH investigators for review.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Industrial Hygiene

1. Ventilation

The environmental evaluation found three different ventilation configurations in use in the TB Hospital. Rooms on the second floor on the south side of the East Wing typically have one or two fan coil units on the outside wall which bring outside air into the room through an outside grille and duct system attached directly to the unit. The fan coil unit mixes the outside air with recirculated room air. Cooling is provided by the chilled water piping. Air is exhausted from the room through 6" x 6" exhaust ports that connect to an outside chase along the building. The air in the chase is drawn eastward along the outside of the building to the end where ductwork leads it up to the roof of the building. An exhaust fan on the roof pulls the air through the chase ductwork. There are generally four patient beds in each of the rooms on the south side of the building. When patients occupy the rooms, the doors to the hallway are consistently kept open. This ventilation arrangement was in place in patient rooms 229, 230, 232, and 243 as well as in the nurses' station in room 237.

Rooms on the north side of the east wing are ventilated by a ducted supply and exhaust system that uses the newer heat exchange wheel located on the roof of the hospital. Supply air is brought in through a vent on the roof, passed by the heat exchange wheel, and delivered to the second floor by the air handling unit on the south side of the wing. Ducted supply

enters the rooms through supply grilles near the ceiling in the room. Air is also supplied to the hallway. Room air is exhausted through the north wall of the room, through a grille and duct to an exhaust fan on the outside of the building. Additional air is exhausted out of the hallway, through the second floor air handling unit and up to the heat exchange wheel on the roof. Patient rooms 240 and 242 along with the restroom in room 231 had this ventilation configuration. An additional fan that exhausted air directly outside was found in a storage room that housed an ice machine next to the restroom (room 231).

Rooms whose airflow was measured on the south side of the second floor, East Wing had total supply air delivery through the fan coil units, ranging from 210 cfm to 530 cfm. Only a portion of this total supply air comes from the outside; the remainder is recirculated room air drawn through the bottom of the fan coil unit. NIOSH investigators were able to measure the outside air delivered to the fan coil units in three rooms on the second floor through the use of the hospital's cherry picker truck. Other rooms on the second floor that had outside air vents to the fan coil units were inaccessible to the truck because of landscaping or building structures that were in the way. The flowhood was placed over the vent on the outside of the building and the air moving through the vent was measured. The two patient rooms had fresh air supplied at a rate of 115 cfm. The nurses station (Room 237), however, had a fresh air supply of 40-50 cfm. The reduced airflow may be indicative of a damper in the fan coil unit that is partially closed. One of the fan coil units in Room 243 was found to be inoperable during the survey.

Much of the MDR-TB ward located on the third floor of the East Wing is ventilated by the older HVAC system. Supply air is ducted from the roof air handling unit to the individual rooms on the south side of the wing through ductwork located along the hallway wall. The air is delivered to the room through a mixing box near the ceiling which contains a cooling coil connected to the chilled-water system. Some air is exhausted from the rooms through holes drilled into the sheet metal behind the steam heaters along the outside wall. The air is pulled into the exhaust chase on the outside of the building and then to the roof with the same exhaust fan that serves the second floor, south side rooms. Exhaust fans have also been placed in the Solarium at the end of the MDR-TB ward which pull air down the hallway and from the building through the roof exhaust or directly from the north side of the building at the third floor level. Five additional patient rooms on the south side of the East Wing in the drug-sensitive ward on the third

floor have this ventilation arrangement. The remaining rooms near the Center Section have fan coil units on the south side and ducted systems on the north side similar to the HVAC systems described for the second floor.

Ventilation parameters in a total of 24 patient rooms, nurses stations, a doctor's office, and restrooms were evaluated during the survey period. These results are presented in Tables 2-4. Not all of the ventilation parameters were measured in all of the rooms either because they were not applicable, or because they could not be easily measured with the ventilation equipment available to the NIOSH investigator.

Mechanical drawings provided by A.G. Holley Hospital's mechanical superintendent indicated that the average four-patient room on the south side of the second floor, East Wing was 20.5 ft. x 17.5 ft. x 9.0 ft, resulting in a room volume of 3,228 cubic feet. A two-patient room was measured at 10.0 ft. x 17.5 ft. x 9.0 ft. or 1,575 cubic feet. The results of ventilation measurements for second floor and third floor patient rooms in the hospital are presented in Table 2 and Table 3 respectively. Measurements of the ventilation parameters for non-patient rooms are shown in Table 4.

The median outside supply of fresh air measured in the two patient rooms was 100 cfm. A supply airflow of 100 cfm is equivalent to 6,000 cubic feet of air per hour. These figures yield 3.8 ACH for a two-patient room and 3.7 ACH for a four-patient (two fan coil units) room, all of which is outside air. In the Nurses' Station, the median fresh air of 45 cfm delivered through the fan coil unit results in 1.7 ACH for the room. These calculated air exchanges meet the evaluation criteria for patient rooms, but are less than the recommended 10 ACH for isolation rooms (Table 1).

The two-patient rooms (Room 240 and 242) evaluated on the north side of the second floor have the ducted supply and exhaust system which uses the newer roof heat exchanger and air handling unit on the second floor. Air supply flowrate was 210 cfm in each room. The exhaust airflow was nearly equal to the supply. The volume of these two rooms was 990 cubic feet (10 ft. x 11 ft. x 9 ft.). The fresh air supplied to these rooms is equivalent to 12.7 ACH. These rooms meet the evaluation criteria for air exchange rates recommended for isolation rooms.

The older HVAC system supplies air to rooms on the third floor East Wing. The three rooms on the south side of the MDR-1 ward had supply air flowrates ranging from 154 cfm to 132 cfm.

The range in air exchange rates for these three rooms was calculated to be from 5.9 ACH (Room 308) to 2.4 ACH (Room 318). These values are less than those recommended for isolation rooms, but sufficient for patient rooms. The supply air to the hallway from this same HVAC system was measured at 482 cfm. Other rooms on the third floor served by the older HVAC system had air exchange rates ranging from 1.7 ACH in Room 318, a four-patient room, to 8.8 ACH in Room 311, a room housing two patients. Thus, Room 318 does not meet the requirements for a patient room, while Room 311 is sufficient for patients not needing isolation.

Rooms on the third floor nearer to the Center Section of the hospital are ventilated with individual fan coil units and a newer HVAC system. The fan coil units were all set to the fan setting and the access panels to the fan controls were locked or the fan speed knobs removed. The rate of total airflow delivered to these patient rooms ranged from 205 to 260 cfm. Of the two rooms accessible with the hospital's cherry-picker, the outside airflow into the rooms was negligible, indicating that the dampers on the fan coil units were closed. Inspection of the damper in one of the identified rooms by the maintenance superintendent revealed that the damper was indeed in the closed position. The ACHs for these rooms cannot be calculated because of the uncertainty of the amount of fresh air being delivered to the fan coil unit. However, the results calculated for rooms on the second floor should be indicative of the numbers that could be obtained for patient rooms on the third floor.

During the ventilation measurements, the damper on the mixing box in Room 311 was initially found to be closed, shutting off the delivery of air to the room. The maintenance superintendent opened the damper to its full open position before the 230 cfm reading was obtained. In Room 318, patients complained of the room being too cold. The 90 cfm measurement may be the result of the damper being partially closed to alleviate the cold temperature perceptions of the patients. Finally, patients in Room 331 had placed towels and clothing over the supply grille of the fan coil unit to block the flow of air, most likely to alter the temperature of the room. In the rooms that temperature and relative humidities were measured during the survey, the median temperature was found to be 72°F and the median relative humidity was 65%. These values are cooler than recommended guidelines for hospital rooms as well as too humid.⁶

The results of the smoke tube tests revealed that none of the patient rooms were under negative pressure (airflow into the

room). In all cases, the smoke plume would hover near the opening with little or no direction to the movement of the smoke. When smoke was released near the double doors in the hallway separating the MDR-TB ward from the rest of the floor, it would move rapidly from the drug-sensitive TB ward toward the TB ward, down the hallway toward the solarium at the end of the hall. The air from the MDR-TB ward is then exhausted out of the building through the two exhaust grilles in the solarium. The admissions office on the first floor of the hospital was under negative pressure as witnessed by the strong movement of smoke from the hallway into the room. An additional exhaust grille had been placed on the outside wall of the room, near the ceiling, to boost the negative pressure characteristics.

Smoke released at doors that separate the Department of Corrections from the TB hospital never showed movement toward the prison area. This same pattern was seen for other tests in the east end of the hospital; smoke would always move toward the hospital and never into the non-hospital spaces.

2. Germicidal UV Radiation

The use of germicidal UV lamps was noted in four different rooms of the hospital. The UV lamps are present in the admissions office on the first floor of the hospital, two pulmonary laboratories on the third floor, and a physician's office also located on the third floor. The UV lamps, manufactured by Westinghouse, are 30 watt bulbs placed in mounted fixtures that do not allow for direct viewing of the bulb by people working in the room. In all but one instance, the fixtures are located above the room's door, with the lamps directed towards the ceiling. There is one fixture in Room 341, a pulmonary laboratory, that is located under a cabinet along the east wall at about chest level. It is standard operating procedure at the hospital to turn the UV lamps on only while the room is unoccupied. A sign is supposed to be placed on the outside of the door whenever the UV lamps are on. The lamps are controlled with a switch on the wall next to the door, with the exception of the pulmonary laboratory lamp which is on the wall under the cabinet. This lamp is turned on or off using a wall plug.

3. Personal Respiratory Protection

The hospital's policy on employees' respiratory protection has recently been changed to include the required use of disposable dust and mist particulate respirators whenever one enters the MDR-TB ward. General compliance with this regulation was observed during the survey period. The use of the disposable

particulate respirators was sporadic in other areas of the hospital. There were instances observed by the NIOSH investigators where the respirators were worn incorrectly. example, instances were noted where only one of the two straps was worn or the respirator was worn upside down.

B. Employee Medical Monitoring

The TB hospital's written surveillance protocol will be used as an outline for the medical record review evaluation, which follows. Sentences taken from the protocol will appear in bold lettering.

- 1. All new employees shall have a chest x-ray examination taken within the last three months.**

Initial review of records shows compliance.

- 2. All new employees will have a PPD skin test unless they have a documented significantly positive test.**

Initial review of records revealed an absence of independent documentation for new employees who stated they had a previously positive PPD skin test. This documentation is important to verify the time that the PPD skin test conversion took place prior to employment at A.G. Holley Hospital and that it, in fact, did occur.

- 3. If the reaction is less than 10 mm, a second test will be performed within at least one week, but not more than three weeks.** (Initial employee hire skin tests are referred to PPD #1 and PPD #2 in the A.G. Holley Hospital charting system and all reactions less than 10 mm are recorded only as "negative".)

The review of records revealed poor compliance with this procedural step. A lack of standardization regarding the timing of the first two employee PPD skin tests, and differences in interpreting results, has led to several discrepancies:

- ! Most of the charts reviewed with a negative PPD #1 did not record the placement of PPD #2 within 3 weeks of hire.
- ! It could not be ascertained why some, but not all, employees had received PPD #2 skin tests. Employees with intermediate (5-9 mm) reactions on the PPD #1 may have been preferentially targeted for follow-up initial PPD tests.
- ! The written protocol does not state how to interpret the result if an employee is negative on PPD #1 but positive on PPD #2.

One employee with a negative PPD at the time of hire had a positive follow-up PPD 12 days later. This was reported as a work-related PPD conversion. The

employee health nurse informed me that other employees with the same test results were designated "positive at the time of hire."

Another employee with a negative PPD #1 , and no PPD #2, at the time of hire had a positive PPD 6 months later; this was also reported as a work-related PPD conversion.

4. **All significant reactors will receive a chest x-ray examination if not previously performed.**

Initial review of records shows compliance.

5. **All new employees, who provide direct patient care, having a skin test reaction of less than 10 mm, will have a repeat skin test at six-month intervals, and, annually for employees with minimal exposure.**

Initial review of records shows inconsistent compliance with this procedural step. The following observations are based on an examination of the spiral bound skin test record book covering the period of May 19-21, 1992. This book records, by department, the names of employees eligible for the skin testing program, and the results of the skin test.

The nursing staff is scheduled for January and June testing. Fourteen of 24 nurses had not yet been skin tested in 1992.

! *Nursing 7-3:30 shift:* No skin tests were performed in January, 1992. Five of 8 nurses were tested in March, 1992. The other 3 nurses had not yet been tested in 1992.

! *Nursing 3-11:30 shift:* Five of 9 nurses were tested in January, 1992. The other 4 nurses had not yet been tested in 1992.

! *Nursing 11-7:30 shift:* None of the 7 nurses had yet been tested in 1992.

The engineering staff is reportedly on a yearly May testing schedule. Fifteen of 19 engineers were tested in June or July 1990; one refused testing. Seventeen of 19 engineers were tested in February or March 1992. No tests are recorded for 1991, creating a 19 month time gap between testing times.

6. **A history of Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) does not preclude an initial screening test and a reaction of 10 mm or more should be managed as a tuberculous infection.**

Compliance with this step could not be assessed from the records reviewed.

7. **Routine repeated chest x-rays are not recommended.**

No routine repeat chest x-rays were noted later than 1985.

8. **Employees who have completed an adequate course of treatment preventive treatment will be exempt from further screening unless symptomatic.**

Compliance with this step could not be assessed from the records reviewed. In addition, the circumstance of an employee who skin converts but is not eligible for a course of treatment is not addressed.

9. **All employees, regardless of skin test reaction, should be instructed to report promptly if they have a persistent cough or other pulmonary symptoms.**

Compliance with this step could not be assessed from the records reviewed.

The employee health nurse informed NIOSH investigators that, to her knowledge, only one employee with a previously positive skin test had ever received a chest x-ray due to pulmonary symptoms. This illness was unrelated to TB.

10. **An awareness of coughing, persistent or excessive, by any employee (especially Direct Patient Care Provider) should be reported to the Infection Control Committee Chairperson and Health Services and receive prompt attention.**

Compliance with this step could not be assessed from the records reviewed.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

The patient rooms on the second and third floors of the A.G. Holm Hospital were found to generally meet the ventilation requirements for "patient rooms," as specified by the AIA and ASHRAE criteria, in those areas where the outside air supply could be measured. There were instances, however, where closed dampers on fan coil units or inadequate supply air volumes resulted in less than the required 2 ACH for patient rooms or the 25 cfm/person requirement of fresh air stipulated by ASHRAE.

no instance were the "isolation room" requirements met in patient locations measured during the evaluation. Included in the deficiencies are: (1) the use of recirculating room fan coil units; (2) not meeting the 6 ACH requirement with at least two of the air changes being outside air; and (3) no inward movement of air (negative pressure) in the hallway to the isolation room. The air removed from patient rooms did eventually reach the outside; however, it had to travel down hallways on both the second and third floors before being exhausted. Thus, the potential exists for transmission of TB bacilli from infectious patients to other patients and hospital personnel as a result of the airflow movements in the hospital.

The median temperature and relative humidity measurements made during the survey were less than optimum according to ASHRAE evaluation criteria. The temperatures were cooler than the recommended 75° and more humid than the 50% guideline for RH. Visual inspections of individual fan coil units revealed that some sediment had accumulated in the drain pans in spite of the packaged bactericides placed in the pans. The sediment build up could possibly lead to the release of bioaerosols into patient areas. Finally, the patients' alterations of the HVAC system (cardboard, towels, or clothing placed over air grilles) will cause the ventilation system to operate in a less efficient, and possibly inadequate, manner.

The TB surveillance protocol, with supplemental clarification, is an adequate infection monitoring strategy for hospital personnel. However, the failure to adhere to the protocol systematically has caused the program to be deficient.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are offered to minimize the potential nosocomial transmission of TB at A.G. Holley TB Hospital.

1. The CDC guidelines for approaches to TB control "...requires early identification, isolation, and treatment of persons with active tuberculosis."¹ The hospital needs to redesign some patient rooms to meet all of the requirements for acid-fast bacilli (AFB) isolation rooms as outlined by the CDC, ASHRAE AIA. Because of the residential nature of the hospital, not all patient rooms must be AFB isolation rooms. However, while patients are still considered to be infectious early in their chemotherapy, they should be isolated from other TB patients and hospital staff.
2. It appears that the patient rooms on the north side of the second floor nearly meet the requirements for AFB isolation. Rooms 238 and 242 have a ducted supply and exhaust air system that delivers over 12 ACH of fresh air to the room. There are no fan coil

in the rooms that recirculate room air. A slight increase in amount of air exhausted from the rooms should put the room under negative pressure when the door to the room is closed. Under current configuration of the hospital, only a few patient rooms are located along the north side of the building. It might be beneficial for some of the utility rooms and hospital staff rooms on this side to be converted to patient AFB isolation rooms that use the existing HVAC system, with slight modifications.

3. Additional AFB isolation rooms might be located on the south side of the hospital, where the newer HVAC system with the fan coil units are in operation. In order to meet the requirements for sufficient fresh air, the bottom opening of the fan coil unit should be shut off so that only outside air enters the unit. All fan coil units were delivering at least 210 cfm of supply air made up of a mixture of room air through the bottom of the unit and fresh air through the duct on the outside wall. If all supply were fresh air, the number of air changes per hour would exceed six, and there would also be no recirculation of room air as stipulated in the ventilation requirements for AFB isolation rooms. Additional mechanical work would, however, be necessary for the exhaust system that removes air from the room to insure these rooms are kept under negative pressure with respect to adjacent areas. The NIOSH investigators were unable to directly measure air flow through the exhaust grilles because of their location behind the pipes of the fan coil units. Smoke test showed that the capture of smoke into the exhaust system was variable. Sometimes good capture was observed with the smoke while at other times, it seemed as though the air flow reversed direction. The direction of airflow at the door of the patient rooms confirmed that not enough air was being exhausted from the room to put it under negative pressure. Perhaps additional exhaust fans on the side of the building that serve fewer rooms than the current exhaust system would allow for greater room exhaust potential.
4. Air-to-air rotary wheel heat exchangers are susceptible to 1 to 10% cross-leakage according to ASHRAE.¹⁹ Cross-leakage, cross-contamination, or mixing of air between the supply and exhaust airstreams occur in all rotation energy exchangers through the same mechanisms; carryover and leakage. Carryover occurs as air is entrained within the volume of the rotation medium and is carried into the other airstream. Leakage occurs because the difference in static pressure across the two airstreams drives air from the higher to the lower static pressure region. It can be a significant problem when exhaust air potentially contains toxic or infectious agents, as is the case at A. G. Holley State Hospital. Methods for the control of cross-leakage to a level below 0.1% are described in the 1992 ASHRAE handbook, HVAC Systems and

Equipment.¹⁹ Also, the possibility of increasing the efficiency of the filtration system on the mechanical air handling unit second and third floors from 85% to 99.97% (HEPA) efficient be investigated by a qualified HVAC contractor.

5. All of the outside air dampers on the fan coil units need to be checked by the hospital's mechanical engineering staff to make sure that they are in the maximum open position. Measurements of airflow through the vents on the outside of the building on the fan coil units revealed that air was not flowing into the building. A subsequent visual inspection of one of these units by hospital staff confirmed that the damper was closed.
6. The exhaust ventilation for rooms on the south side of the hospital for the third floor is not sufficient to pull air out of the patient rooms. Currently, holes drilled in the steam heating on the wall are the only way that air is exhausted to the outside. Smoke tests in these patient rooms showed very poor capture of smoke near the heaters. Additional mechanical ventilation was needed in the rooms in order to achieve isolation characteristics. The current configuration of patient housing at A.G. Holley Hospital for the MDR-TB patients and drug-sensitive TB patients who are beginning their chemotherapy located in rooms in this area of the hospital. These rooms are the most likely candidates for airborne isolation.
7. Visual inspection of several of the fan coil units revealed condensate drain pans that were contaminated with rust scale and possible mold growth. The hospital's maintenance staff currently uses a packaged biocide that they place in the pan. The effective kill range of the packaged biocide does not appear to cover the entire area of the drain pan. A preventive cleaning schedule with removal of the pan and cleaning with an EPA-approved disinfectant, which is more rigorous than current practices, will maintain cleaner fan coil units with a reduced potential for bioaerosol contamination of patient rooms.
8. Work practices at A.G. Holley Hospital limit occupational exposure to the germicidal UV lights by specifying that the lamps are turned on only when the rooms are vacant and there is a sign placed on the door noting that UV light is present in the room. This practice does not assure that a patient or hospital employee cannot be exposed to high levels of UV radiation by inadvertently entering a room when the lamps are energized. A lockout system that automatically turns off the electrical supply to the UV lights when doors are opened needs to be installed in rooms where germicidal UV radiation continues to be used.

9. If respirators are supplied to employees for use around patients with TB, the administration staff of A.G. Holley TB Hospital should institute a respirator protection policy that, at a minimum, meets the requirements set forth by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in 29 CFR 1910.134, "Respirator protection."²⁰ The minimum requirements include a written standard operating procedure for the selection and use of respirators; training and instructions on respirator usage; cleaning, repair, and housing of respirators; the continued surveillance of work area conditions for worker exposure and stress, and for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the respirator program; and the medical evaluation of employees to determine that they are physically able to wear the respirator selected for use.

The recent NIOSH draft guidelines for respiratory protection lists, in Table 3, hospital procedures having a high, medium, or indeterminate potential of aerosolization of droplet nuclei. A.G. Holley Hospital may meet the criteria for potential of aerosolization in the following circumstances. Any cough-in procedure or sputum induction procedure is classified in the guidelines as a high potential procedure where positive-pressure air-line, halfmask respirators are the minimally acceptable personal respiratory protection. Intensive care units, with routine procedures and AFB isolation rooms are classified as medium potential areas where powered, air-purifying respirators (PAPR) with a halfmask and HEPA filters are the minimally acceptable personal respiratory protection. For both levels of potential for aerosolization, an effective respiratory protection program should be implemented along with the issuance of the appropriate respirator.¹⁶

10. The written PPD skin testing protocol is essentially adequate but actual adherence to the protocol is inconsistent. Additional written clarification, as well as educational efforts directed towards employees and those persons administering the skin test program, should improve compliance with the protocol.

Double initial PPD screening for new employees is an appropriate measure for workers subject to repeated periodic tuberculin testing.^{21,22,23} Because the immunologic response to PPD can wane over time, some persons previously infected with mycobacteria have a negative result with a single PPD skin test. The stimulus of the first test, however, may boost the subsequent response so that it is considered a positive reaction.²⁴ Individuals who have not been infected with mycobacteria will not respond positively even to the second dose of PPD. A booster effect may occur with atypical mycobacterial infection, remote *M. tuberculosis* infection, as well as previous vaccination with BCG.^{21,25,26} O:

study at the San Francisco General Hospital revealed an over booster effect of 5.4% among 3800 employees. Higher rates were reported for Vietnamese (44.4%), Filipino (24.9%), persons > years of age (11.2%).²⁶

The booster effect is best elicited by placing the second PPD test one week following the first; less than a one week wait period is less efficacious.²⁵ The booster effect may persist a year or, perhaps, longer.²⁴ Omission of the second initial introduces uncertainty in determining the cause of a positive result at a later date; the positive result may reflect a new *M. tuberculosis* infection or may be due to the booster effect positive response on the second PPD done at the time of hire however is clearly due to previous infection.

Periodic, repeat, skin testing at intervals of 6 or 12 months dependent on the level of exposure (direct patient care of infectious TB patients), is appropriate. The review of records revealed erratic compliance with the schedule of repeat skin testing. Improved compliance is strongly encouraged.

Employees who have converted to a positive skin test are appropriately eliminated from the on-going skin test program this is not specifically delineated in the written protocol.

For employees who have converted are referred for follow-up, record maintained on-site should contain sufficient information document adequate follow-up care. If follow-up care and/or chemoprophylaxis is not obtained, the reasons why it was not should be ascertained and recorded, and alternative arrangements should be made, if needed.

11. PPD skin tests should be offered to terminating employees at the time of their termination. However, even a PPD skin test which is placed and read during the final week of employment does not reflect the last several weeks of exposure to *M. tuberculosis*. This is due to a time delay between infection and sensitization following exposure to *M. tuberculosis* there is a complex immunologic response resulting in the sensitization of circulating lymphocytes. Only after these lymphocytes are appropriately sensitized will the PPD skin reaction become positive. This sensitization process takes several weeks.²⁴ Employees who at terminating employment should be informed of this fact. A test obtained three months following termination should adequately reflect and possible infection with *M. tuberculosis* from the previous employment.
12. Employee tuberculosis screening programs may serve as surveillance instruments to provide a means of detecting trends in

occupationally acquired infection. If a trend is detected, can be taken to find the failure in the infection control program and prevent infection among coworkers. Two essential requirements of any surveillance activity are adherence to an appropriate protocol and scrupulous maintenance of records. The protocol (discussed above) should define the population to be surveyed, define how infection is ascertained, and determine how individuals will be followed. Records should be maintained in a manner that allows both preservation of, and easy access (by appropriate medical and public health personnel) to, the information. Surveillance activities are on-going by nature, and surveillance systems should allow an on-going review of data.

Information which should be readily accessible includes: determination of which groups of employees are eligible for skin testing program and why others are not eligible. It should be possible, with relative ease, to produce a "snap-shot" summary for a given group of individuals: total number of persons, number of persons being tested, number of persons ineligible for testing and number of skin test conversions during a particular time frame. Information on both current and recent employees should be accessible. A more complex, but useful, system would take into account the length of time an individual had worked in a given location. It is important to identify the rate of conversion as well as the actual number of conversions. Information on the total employee population, or sub-populations, is needed to determine rates of PPD skin conversion.

13. The current record-keeping system has several inadequacies. The use of file folders containing employee health information on loose 3" x 5" and 5" x 8" index cards has great potential for inadvertent loss. Additionally, as a space saving measure, the previous employee health nurse took apart several records of former employees, grouping the 3" x 5" and 5" x 8" cards separately. The location of those records was unknown to the current employee health nurse, and not all records could be located during the course of this investigation.

The current system does not allow quick assessment of the total employee population to determine who is, and who is not, being tested, and if not, why not. Computers can certainly facilitate surveillance systems, but it is also possible to function adequately without such capability.

14. Personnel time needs to be dedicated in order to accomplish recommendations (10-13) above. The current employee health nurse is reassigned to assist with patient care frequently. If it is not possible to assign a nurse full time to the employee health service, alternative staffing arrangements should be discussed.

Some of the work described above may be performed by appropriately trained clerical personnel. For example, some of the record keeping and periodic report generation may be performed by an individual with appropriate administrative and educational skills.

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Table 1
Ventilation Evaluation Criteria^{1,2}

HETA 92-215
A.G. Holley State Hospital
Lantana, Florida

May 20-21, 1992

Area Designation	Air movement relationship to adjacent area	Minimum air changes per hour outside air	Minimum total air changes per hour	Recirculated by means of room units ³	All air exhausted directly to outside
Operating room	Out	3	15	No	--
Delivery room	Out	3	15	No	--
Newborn nursery	--	1	6	No	--
Recovery room	--	2	6	No	--
Intensive care	--	2	6	No	--
Isolation room	In	--	6	No	Yes
Isolation anteroom	Out	--	10	No	Yes
Patient room	--	--	2	--	--
Examination room	--	--	6	--	--
ER trauma room	Out	3	15	No	--
Autopsy room	In	--	12	No	Yes

1 Selected ventilation guidelines adapted from the American Institute of Architects Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospital and Medical Facilities (reference #4).

2 This table covers ventilation for comfort, as well as for asepsis and odor control in areas of acute care hospitals that directly affect patient care. Areas where specific standards are not given shall be ventilated in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62-1989, "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality Including Requirements for Outdoor Air."

3 Because of cleaning difficulty and potential for buildup of contamination, recirculating room units shall not be used in areas marked "No." Isolation and intensive care unit rooms may be ventilated by reheat induction units in which the primary air supply from a central system passes through the reheat unit.

TABLE 2

Ventilation and Environmental Results in
Second Floor Patient Rooms

HETA 92-215
A.G. Holley State Tuberculosis Hospital
Lantana, Florida

May 20-21, 1992

LOCATIO N	ROOM TEMPERATUR E FAHRENHEIT	ROOM RELATIVE HUMIDITY	FAN SPEED	ROOM SUPPLY	ROOM EXHAUST	OUTSIDE SUPPLY
Room 229	73°	59%				
- east unit			Low	210 cfm	---	---
east unit			High	450 cfm		
west unit			Low	265 cfm		
west unit			High	425 cfm		
Room 230	69°	66%				
- east unit			Low	270 cfm	---	115 cfm
east unit			High	510 cfm		115 cfm

west
unit

Low 280 cfm

90 cfm

west
unit

High 500 cfm

100 cfm

TABLE 2 (Continued)

Ventilation and Environmental Results in
Second Floor Patient Rooms

HETA 92-215
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LOCATIO N	ROOM TEMPERATUR E FAHRENHEIT	ROOM RELATIVE HUMIDITY	FAN SPEED	ROOM SUPPLY	ROOM EXHAUST	OUTSIDE SUPPLY
Room 232	73°	58%	Low	240 cfm	---	100 cfm
- east unit						
east unit						
west unit						
west unit			High	415 cfm		110 cfm
west unit			Low	250 cfm		100 cfm
Room 243	72°	66%	Unit Broken	330 cfm	---	---
- east unit						
west unit			Low			

west unit			High	530 cfm		
Room 240	---	---	N/A	210 cfm	-210 cfm	N/A
Room 242	---	---	N/A	210 cfm	-200 cfm	N/A

TABLE 3
 Ventilation and Environmental Results in
 Third Floor Patient Rooms

HETA 92-215
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 Lantana, Florida

May 20-21, 1992

LOCATION	ROOM TEMPERATUR E FAHRENHEIT	ROOM RELATIVE HUMIDITY	FAN SPEED	ROOM SUPPLY	ROOM EXHAUST	OUTSIDE SUPPLY
MDR-TB Ward	---	---	N/A	132 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 301	---	---	N/A	133 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 304	---	---	N/A	133 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 308	---	---	N/A	154 cfm	(1)	N/A
Hallway	---	---	N/A	482 cfm	N/A	N/A
Room 309	---	---	N/A	120 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 311	---	---	N/A	230 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 318	---	---	N/A	90 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 321	---	---	N/A	230 cfm	(1)	N/A
Room 324	---	---	N/A	260 cfm	(1)	N/A

TABLE 3 (Continued)

Ventilation and Environmental Results in
Third Floor Patient Rooms

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LOCATION	ROOM TEMPERATUR E FAHRENHEIT	ROOM RELATIVE HUMIDITY	FAN SPEED	ROOM SUPPLY	ROOM EXHAUST	OUTSIDE SUPPLY
Room 329	73°	66%	Low (2)	255 cfm		---
Room 331	72°	62%	Low (2)	220 cfm		---
Room 332	---	---	Low	---		-60 cfm
			High			-50 cfm
Room 335	72°	64%	Low (2)	205 cfm		-50 cfm
Room 337	72°	65%	Low (2)	215 cfm		---
Room 338	72°	68%	Low (2)	210 cfm		---
Room 340	72°	70%	Low (2)	220 cfm		---
- east unit						
- west unit			Low (2)	260 cfm		---

N/A - Not Applicable

(1) - Exhaust ports drilled through wall heaters to outside chase.

(2) - Fan control knobs broken or removed; fan control cover locked.

TABLE 4

Ventilation and Environmental Results in
Non-Patient RoomsHETA 92-215
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LOCATION	ROOM TEMPERATUR E FAHRENHEIT	ROOM RELATIVE HUMIDITY	FAN SPEED	ROOM SUPPLY	ROOM EXHAUST	OUTSIDE SUPPLY
Room 231 - Rest Room	---	---	N/A	407 cfm (over door)	---	N/A
				403 cfm (east end)		
Room 237 - Nurses' Station	73°	61%	Low High	280 cfm 530 cfm	---	40 cfm 50 cfm
Room 312 - Doctor's Office	---	---	N/A	200 cfm	(1)	N/A

N/A - Not Applicable

(1) - Exhaust ports drilled through wall heaters to outside chase.

(2) - Fan control knobs broken or removed; fan control cover locked.

