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○ | **EPA: Grants include 37.3 mil from American Recovery Act and 74.6 mil from EPA Brownfields Fund**

○ | **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act authorizes 1.6 Billion in New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds to finance facilities that produce electricity from landfill gas**

Monthly Newsletter A Message from the President

We are constantly searching for opportunities to provide our current and prospective clients with yet another benefit. The purpose of our featured newsletter is to keep our clients informed on laboratory and industry news.

As a new client benefit, the staff and I have decided to publish a monthly newsletter to inform industry professionals of interesting news, technologies, methods, and events relative to the



environmental field. There are many events, trends, methods and technologies that slip through the cracks of knowledge concerning the plethora of environmental news released on a daily basis. We hope to highlight news beneficial to our clients growth of knowledge. This newsletter is evidence of

our continued investment in our clients. We know we must continue to provide more and more client benefits to set us apart from other laboratories. I also want to take a moment to thank our clients for choosing us to support their projects. We understand the economic climate, and know that there are other options for service. We will

continue our investment in technology, cost solutions and customer service to better assist you on future projects.

We hope that you get pertinent information from our newsletter. Please visit our web site to subscribe to our Laboratory to Client newsletter

Jan Scala, President



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Each month we like to take the time out to promote industry events that might be of interest to current and prospective clients

○ | MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Latest Developments in the Identification and Management of Indoor Air Quality Issues. May 20-22. www.awma.org/events

○ | RALIEGH, NC

Guideline on Air Quality Models: Next Generation of Models. October 28-30. http://www.awma.org/events/view_event.html?typeid=1&id=99

○ | BALTIMORE, MD

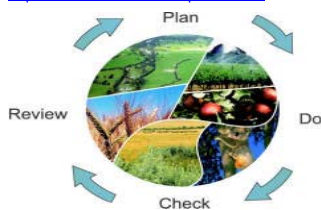
Harmonizing Greenhouse Gas Assessment and Reporting Processes. August 31-September 2. <http://www.awma.org/events/ind>

○ | SYRACUSE, NY

International Healthy Buildings Conference. September 13-17. <http://www.hb2009.org/home>

○ | TORONTO, CANADA

Business Opportunities in the Spanish Environmental and Water Sectors June 15, 2009 <http://xtalks.com/xtc339spain1.ashx>



PRESS RELEASE / CHINESE DRYWALL

We understand many of our clients are running into the phenomena of contaminated Imported Chinese Drywall. Centek provides services beneficial to determine air quality and product off gassing.



Centek Laboratories, LLC has developed testing options for homeowners and businesses that suspect contaminated imported Chinese drywall.

The issue with imported Chinese drywall began surfacing in the past year. Louisiana and Florida were the first states that reported suspected drywall, imported from China, causing unpleasant odors and damage to air conditioning coils, copper piping, building materials, and health.

Centek has been in conversations with the Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, and North Carolina State Health Departments to discuss the laboratory's ability to provide user friendly sampling equipment to be analyzed for compounds that are culprits for material

deterioration, odors, and illness. The United States Product Safety Commission and US EPA are also conducting studies.

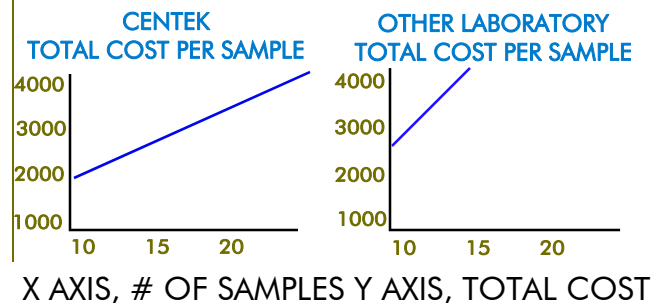
The contaminated Chinese Drywall is of high concern to many local and national authorities. The urgency to treat this issue can be summed up by the Palm Beach County Health Department Director, Dr. Jean Malecki. "I am very concerned for the people in our area who have this drywall in their homes. I have talked with and listened to a number of these residents and we need to move quickly toward a resolve. People's health is at stake here," said Dr. Malecki.

To see the full story released by Centek please visit this link

<http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?ald=94538>

CASE STUDY

We have yet to find a lab that offers as many perks as we do. Offering equipment rent free, standard 5 day TAT, free QC, and EDD. All at a price that beats the competition strictly for analysis. We are the best solution for any project requiring our analytical services



EPA: Grants for Contaminated Land Cleanup. 74.6 Million from EPA Brownfields Program

Washington, D.C. – May 8, 2009) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa P. Jackson announced today the availability of an estimated \$111.9 million in grants bolstered by funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 to help communities clean up sites known as Brownfields, which may be contaminated by hazardous chemicals or pollutants. Communities in 46 states, four tribes, and two U.S. Territories will share in these grants to help revitalize former industrial and commercial sites, turning them from problem properties to productive business and community institutions. The grants include \$37.3 million from the Recovery Act and \$74.6 million from the EPA Brownfields general program funding.

“Cleaning and reusing contaminated properties provides the catalyst to improving the lives of residents living in or near Brownfields communities,” said EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson. “A revitalized Brownfields site reduces threats to human health and the environment, creates green jobs, promotes community involvement, and attracts investment in local neighborhoods.” <http://epa.gov/brownfields/>



6L vs. 1L summa; Why are the 1L Better?



As evidence in this newsletter we continue to be on the cutting edge. We are always trying to provide the best possible service to make our clients' work easier. Our technology no longer needs the volume of a 6L can to meet low detection limits.

Wouldn't it be nice to collect all air samples in the 1 L can? The wait is over. Centek meets detection limits while only needing the volume of a 1 L can for indoor, outdoor and sub slab samples. The first question we always get is “we are required to use the 6 L”. We understand that sometimes there is just no way around it, but a lot of times there is. We often refer our clients to an article, funded by the US EPA, that strictly looks at the importance of purge volume, sample volume, sample flow rate and temporal variations on soil gas concentrations. The abstract from the article reads and I quote “Measured VOC concentrations were observed to increase with increased volume from 25 to 1000 ml, but then drop off in the 6000 ml samples. This observation is significant as the 6000 ml sample size is commonly used to achieve very low detection limits with EPA method TO-15.”

BEST PLACES TO GET YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

David Linda, our Director of Sales and Marketing, is constantly scouring environmental news to research potential markets and opportunities for Centek. He believes the following are trusted sources for Environmental News .

○ | <http://environmental.newsonly.org/>

This web site provides the latest environmental news, from the most reliable sources, all in one place.

○ | **EM Magazine**

AWMA's monthly magazine for environmental managers, explores a range of issues affecting the industry . Provocative articles and regular columns written by leaders in the field.

○ | <http://www.aiha.org/Content>

AIHA official website. The site offers many useful links and environmental news.

○ | <http://journalseek.net/env.htm>

No matter what area you are involved in, there is a journal available for research purposes. This website can help you find a relevant journal.

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Helping You Meet Your Project Goals

Combining your expertise and our knowledge, Centek takes pride in progressive solutions. Past experience has shown that our state of the art technology brings about new sampling techniques specific and complimentary to our clients. Choosing the correct technique is vital to the success of any air sampling program.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Centek Laboratories, LLC is your solution to today's volatile organic compound (VOC) air and soil gas analysis. Using state-of-the-art, advanced GC/MS and cryo-focusing technology for VOC testing, we offer positive confirmation of compounds along with superior sensitivity.

No longer needing bulky 6L summas cans, badges and tube/pump sampling equipment, Centek uses 400cc, 1L and 1.4L summa canisters for sample collection. Using a vacuum canister and a quick connect regulator we offer a no tool / no power sampling system.

Centek Laboratories, LLC is focused on client services. To that end we maintain a substantial investment in superior instrumentation and advanced technology, allowing our professional team to provide quality, professional, accurate and timely services to our clients. Using accepted EPA methods for compliance, Centek routinely identifies known and unknown VOC's in air, liquid, soil and other matrices. Centek prides itself on building customer loyalty through providing the best possible service. Our Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) has been designed and developed by chemists and project managers working in a commercial analytical laboratory, specializing in VOC analysis. Our clients come from a broad cross-section of industrial, commercial, governmental and residential sectors.

CLIENT EVIDENCE

Dear Centek Laboratories,
I wanted to thank you for introducing Centek Laboratories to our company. We receive many requests to test the indoor air because of odors, when the clients believed it was due to mold growth. Many times there are multitudes of odors that your services are beneficial to us in determining the possible sources, other than mold growth.

We pride ourselves on doing what's right for the client. Once you explained and educated us on your VOC testing methods and how it could identify many of our clients concerns, your services became extremely valuable, by increasing the quality of service our clients deserve.

Your customer service is something to be proud of; every time we call with questions, your team is there with answers.

Thank you once again for your commitment excellence.

Respectfully,
Vinny Gigliotti (CIE, CMR, CEI, CEM, CES, CTS)

Environmental Solution Incorporate

Dear Centek Labs,

I just wanted to express our thanks for a job well done on a recent project requiring analysis by TO-14a and TO-15 for 29 air samples from a NY WWTF.

From arranging for the analysis to delivering the canisters and providing the results on time, to even ahead of time as promised.

Centek did a highly professional job.

A special thanks to your technical support team for providing some quick-connect hardware that streamlined our sampling procedures with the canisters and for keeping in communication during analysis concerning high concentration levels of a surrogate compound we used for the study.

We enjoyed working with your staff and will look forward to using Centek in future projects.

Regards,
Robert Kricks, Ph.D.
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