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The *Workers Compensation Act* requires that the employer must post a copy of this report in a conspicuous place at or near the workplace inspected for at least seven days, or until compliance has been achieved, whichever is the longer period. A copy of this report must also be given to the joint committee or worker health and safety representative, as applicable.

A revised version of the *Workers Compensation Act* took effect on April 6, 2020. The B.C. government's revisions aim to make the Act easier to read and understand, and to reorganize the numbering to make laws easier to find. The revisions make no changes to B.C.'s laws concerning workers' compensation, occupational health and safety, and employers' assessment premiums. Please be aware there may be a transitional period where correspondence from WorkSafeBC may include references to either the previous Act or the revised Act. For more information, visit [www.worksafebc.com/WCA2019](http://www.worksafebc.com/WCA2019) or call the Prevention Information Line at 604.276.3100, or toll free within BC at 1.888.621.7233 (SAFE).

### Inspection Report #202016259178A

| Employer Name             | Jobsite Inspected  | Scope of Inspection           |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| CLEAN TEAM JANITORIAL INC | 556 LINSHART RD<br>ECOLE AU-COEUR-DE-L'ILE<br>Comox BC V9M 2K8 | COVID Disinfecting procedures |

| Date of Initiating Inspection | Date of This Inspection | Delivery Date of This Report | Delivery Method |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Oct 27, 2020                  | Oct 27, 2020            | Oct 27, 2020                 | Email           |

**THERE ARE TWO (2) ORDERS OR OTHER ITEMS OUTSTANDING**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

### Summary of Orders or other Items

See "Orders/Items – Full Details" section of this Inspection Report for orders/items cited

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| Order/Item No.1 <input type="checkbox"/> | Status: <b>Outstanding</b> | Cited: <b>OHS5.2(c)</b>  |
| Order/Item No.2 <input type="checkbox"/> | Status: <b>Outstanding</b> | Cited: <b>OHS5.10(1)</b> |

### ORDER STATUS LEGEND

| Order Status | Description   |
|--------------|---|
| Outstanding  | Order Outstanding - Action Required to Achieve Compliance |
| Complied     | Compliance Achieved - No Further Action Required          |
| Closed       | Order is Closed   |
| Rescinded    | Order has been cancelled - No Further Action Required     |

## INSPECTION NOTES

This inspection report has been issued following a site visit to review compliance with the Workers' Compensation Act (WCA) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulation. The focus of this visit was COVID cleaning and disinfection procedures.

### **Background:**

This employer is the contract cleaning (janitorial) provider for the Conseil Scolaire Francophone (SD93) and reported that they have contracts with a number of sites on Vancouver Island.

### **The following issues were discussed:**

#### 1. COVID Cleaning

- The owner of the worksite inspected has developed a COVID safety plan based on the recommendations of the BC Center for Disease Control (BC CDC). The plan outlines the school protocol for cleaning and disinfection during the current COVID pandemic and this employer is expected to meet the requirements listed by the plan.
- During the visit the COVID plan was not reviewed in full. The inspection focused on concerns about "electro static spraying of Vanguard (a disinfection / cleaning agent by Dustbane) and any risk to the health of staff and students.

#### 2. Vanguard

The site confirmed that the Vanguard product had been used and applied by an electrostatic sprayer, however this practice had been discontinued prior to the WorkSafeBC visit (reported as several weeks prior).

#### 3. Cleaning process

The cleaning practices by this employer were reviewed. This included daily cleaning of high touch points using Oxiver and deep cleaning at the end of day.

#### 4. Gym equipment room cleaning

It was found that this room is the only area where electrostatic spray cleaning continues to be used and a Clorox® Total 360® System is now used for this purpose. The equipment manufacturer lists it as US EPA approved for COVID cleaning and disinfection.

The site owner reported that the spraying is conducted only by this employer and occurs when no other staff or students are in the gym. The room is closed off following spraying for 1 hour post application to allow the product to dry.

### **Inspection findings:**

#### 1. Spray applying Clorox Total 360

It was reported that the spray process takes a few minutes and during this time workers would wear gloves and a "medical type face mask". Review of the manufacturer recommendations for application of this product shows that they recommend the following personal protective equipment: gloves, eyeglasses with side shield and dust/mist/fume respirator (a N-95 or equivalent).

**Order #1** is issued for the employer to ensure a written procedure is prepared and implemented to ensure workers use the recommended personal protective equipment. Please note that the procedure must also address any emergency and cleanup procedures in the event of a spill or release of the chemical agent.

#### 2. Workplace labels

The employer had transferred diluted Oxiver to spray bottles for use at the worksite. The workplace label included the name of the product and reference to the the Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). **Order #2** is issued:

#### With respect to order #2

The WHMIS Health Canada legislation requires workplace label include the following information:

- Product name (matching the SDS product name).
- Safe handling precautions, may include pictograms or other supplier label information.
- A reference to the SDS (if available).

Note: for Oxivir the manufacturer recommends gloves and protective eye wear (if a risk of contact with the eyes can occur)

Contact information for this officer was left on site if any one has questions or concerns regarding this report or requires clarification of the issues discussed during the visit. If any additional education or consulting is required, please contact the officer identified below. Additional information and resources can be found at [WorksafeBC.com](http://WorksafeBC.com).

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**ORDERS/ITEMS**

**An employer who fails to comply with Occupational Health and Safety ("OHS") provisions of the *Workers Compensation Act*, the Occupational Health & Safety Regulation, or WorkSafeBC orders may be subject to monetary or other sanctions as prescribed by the *Workers Compensation Act*.**

**Orders/Items - Full Details**

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|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Order/Item No.1 <input type="checkbox"/>  | Status: <b>Outstanding</b> | Cited: <b>OHS5.2(c)</b>  |
| <p>Workers spray a chemical called "Vanguard and Clorox Total 360" that contains ingredients that could cause an adverse health effect. This employer has not developed a written procedure and ensured it is implemented to ensure workers eliminate or minimize a risk of exposure to this chemical agent by any route that could cause an adverse health effect.</p> <p>This is in contravention of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Section 5.2(c).</p> <p>If a worker is or may be exposed to a chemical agent, or biological agent designated as a hazardous substance in section 5.1.1, which could cause an adverse health effect, the employer must ensure that</p> <p>(c) written procedures are prepared and implemented to eliminate or minimize a risk of exposure to a chemical agent or biological agent by any route that could cause an adverse health effect, and to address emergency and cleanup procedures in the event of a spill or release of a chemical agent or biological agent.</p> <p><u>Measures to Ensure Compliance:</u><br/>The manufacturer recommends the following personal protective equipment for use: gloves, eyeglasses with side shield and dust/mist/fume respirator i.e. a N-95 or equivalent.</p> |                            |                          |
| Order/Item No.2 <input type="checkbox"/>  | Status: <b>Outstanding</b> | Cited: <b>OHS5.10(1)</b> |
| <p>The product Oxivir (a hazardous product) was stored in small spray bottles that are not the container in which it was received from a supplier. The workplace label was missing the safe handling precautions information that are required under the WHMIS legislation to be present in a workplace label, as such it is not a compliant workplace label</p> <p>This is in contravention of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Section 5.10(1).</p> <p>If a hazardous product in a workplace is in a container other than the container in which it was received from a supplier, the employer must ensure that the container has a workplace label applied to it.</p> <p><u>Measures to Ensure Compliance:</u><br/>The WHMIS legislation requires a workplace label include the following (at minimum):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Product name (matching the SDS product name).</li> <li>• Safe handling precautions, may include pictograms or other supplier label information.</li> <li>• A reference to the SDS (if available).</li> </ul>   |                            |                          |

| Employer # | Mailing Address                             | Classification Unit # | Operating Location |
|------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 587757     | 569 ALDER ST S<br>CAMPBELL RIVER BC V9W 6E7 | 764014                | 001                |

| Lab Samples Taken | Direct Readings | Results Presented | Sampling Inspection(s) | Workers onsite during Inspection | Notice of Project Number |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| N                 | N               | N                 |                        | 1                                |                          |

| Inspection Report Delivered To | Employer Representative Present During Inspection | Worker Representative Present During Inspection | Labour Organization & Local |
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| Barbara Tadei                  | Barbara Tadei                                     | Piere Pigeon                                    |                             |

| WorkSafeBC Officer Conducting Inspection |
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| Dale Hills                               |

| *Inspection Time | *Travel Time |
|------------------|--------------|
| 2.25 hrs         | 0.25 hrs     |

\*The time recorded above reflects the inspection time and travel time associated with this inspection report and includes time spent on pre and post-inspection activities. Additional time may be added for subsequent activity.

### Request a Review

**Any employer, worker, owner, supplier, union, or a member of a deceased worker's family directly affected may, within 45 calendar days of the delivery date of this report, in writing, request the Review Division of WorkSafeBC to conduct a review of an order, or the non-issuance of an order, by contacting the Review Division. Employers requiring assistance may contact the Employers' Advisers Office at 1-800-925-2233.**

**To submit a request online, visit <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/review-appeal/submit-request>**

**WorkSafeBC values your feedback. To obtain that feedback, an external market research provider may be contacting you to complete a survey.**