

March 16, 2026

Ref: 021866.013

Mr. Joseph Lenahan  
Operations Manager  
Office of Education  
New Jersey Department of Children and Families  
PO Box 710  
Trenton, NJ 08625



Re: Lead in Drinking Water Testing  
DCF Regional School – Bergen Campus  
374 E. Ridgewood Avenue  
Paramus, NJ 07652

Dear Mr. Lenahan,

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. (VHB) was retained to perform drinking water testing at the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) Regional Bergen Campus located at 374 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey (subject property). VHB performed the sampling on February 21, 2026. The purpose of the testing was to determine if lead may be present above the established regulatory limits in Client-identified drinking water sources within the subject building.

## **METHODS**

Samples of potable water were collected from each location where water may be used for drinking or food preparation. Sampling protocol included the following:

- Samples were collected on a Saturday when the school was not occupied.
- The sample locations were flushed for several minutes by the Client the day prior to collecting the samples.
- The Client was instructed to not use water from the sampling locations during the overnight period or morning prior to collecting the samples.
- Samples were collected at the Client-identified sampling locations starting with the location nearest to the water service point of entry to the building.
- Each sampling location was inspected for evidence that the water had been used that day prior to collecting the first draw samples (i.e. dripping faucet, water residue in basin).
- Each location was checked to verify whether water treatment (filter/bubbler) was or was not in use.
- Two (2) samples were collected at each location. The first sample is a first-draw sample collected from the tap after the overnight resting period. The second is a flush sample collected after running water for 30 seconds.
- Samples were collected in 250 mL bottles.
- Bottles were labeled, and chain-of-custody completed for each sample.
- Samples were dropped off at the laboratory.

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- The laboratory accessioned the samples and added the necessary preservatives within the allowable timeframe.

Samples were delivered under chain-of-custody to EMSL Analytical, Inc. (EMSL) 200 US-130 North, Cinnaminson, New Jersey 08077. EMSL is a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Certified Drinking Water Laboratory.

The regulatory limits for lead are established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act – Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). The LCR established an action level of 0.015 mg/L (15 ppb) for lead. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) have adopted these limits as well.

**RESULTS**

<b>TABLE 1</b>					
<b>SUMMARY OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS RESULTS – LEAD (Pb)</b>					
<b>Sample ID</b>	<b>FD/FL</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Treatment in Use</b>	<b>Result (PPB)</b>	<b>MCL (PPB)</b>
BE-01-FD	FD	Kitchen	Yes	1.85	15
BE-01-FL	FL	Kitchen	Yes	NA	15
BE-02-FD	FD	Staff Kitchen	Yes	ND	15
BE-02-FL	FL	Staff Kitchen	Yes	NA	15
BE-03-FD	FD	Room 109	Yes	ND	15
BE-03-FL	FL	Room 109	Yes	NA	15
BE-04-FD	FD	Room 108	Yes	ND	15
BE-04-FL	FL	Room 108	Yes	NA	15
BE-05-FD	FD	Room 114	Yes	ND	15
BE-05-FL	FL	Room 114	Yes	NA	15
BE-06-FD	FD	Room 115	Yes	ND	15
BE-06-FL	FL	Room 115	Yes	NA	15
BE-07-FD	FD	Room 120	Yes	ND	15
BE-07-FL	FL	Room 120	Yes	NA	15
BE-08-FD	FD	Room 119	Yes	ND	15
BE-08-FL	FL	Room 119	Yes	NA	15
BE-09-FD	FD	Bottle Filler	Yes	ND	15
BE-09-FL	FL	Bottle Filler	Yes	NA	15
BE-10-FD	FD	Room 122	Yes	ND	15
BE-10-FL	FL	Room 122	Yes	NA	15
BE-11-FD	FD	Room 121	Yes	ND	15
BE-11-FL	FL	Room 121	Yes	NA	15
BE-12-FD	FD	Room 123	Yes	ND	15
BE-12-FL	FL	Room 123	Yes	NA	15
BE-13-FD	FD	Room 124	Yes	ND	15



BE-13-FL	FL	Room 124	Yes	NA	15
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*MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level; NA – Not Analyzed; FD – First Draw; FL – Flush*

Laboratory analysis results of the lead sampling indicate the concentrations were below the established regulatory limits for lead at each test location. Flush samples were not analyzed because there were no exceedances reported in the first draw results. Certificates of laboratory analysis are attached to this report.

**LIMITATIONS**

Results should not be considered to reflect conditions at other tap locations in the facility. The findings in this report are reflective of the conditions at the time of the VHB inspections. The findings and recommendations are valid as of the date of the report. The conclusions are limited based on the site conditions at the time of our inspection and the enclosed analytical results. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 732-223-2225 if you have questions and/or comments or require additional information.

Sincerely,

VHB

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Carlucci".

Robert Carlucci  
Environmental Inspector  
RC:CG

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Glowacki".

Christopher Glowacki, CIH, CIEC  
Team Lead – Industrial Hygiene

Attachments (2) – Laboratory Certificate of Analysis and Chain of Custody  
– Sample Location Drawing





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EMSL Order ID: 012611055

LIMS Reference ID: AE11055

EMSL Customer ID: BRIN50

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**Project ID:** \_Master Project-BRIN50  
**Customer PO:**  
**Sales Rep:** Christopher Brandt  
**Received:** 02/26/2026 09:00  
**Reported:** 03/12/2026 16:43

**Analytical Results**

Analyte	Result	Q	DF	RL	Units	Prepared Date/Time	Analyzed Date/Time	Analyst Initials	Prep /Analytical Method
<b>Sample: BE-01-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-01 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:00:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	1.85		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:36	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-02-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-03 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:06:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:42	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-03-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-05 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:12:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:44	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-04-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-07 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:17:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:46	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-05-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-09 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:24:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:48	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-06-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-11 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:31:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:53	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-07-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-13 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:40:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:55	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-08-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-15 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:46:00</b>									
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:57	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-09-FD</b> Lims Reference ID: AE11055-17 Matrix: Drinking Water <b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:51:00</b>									



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<b>Sample: BE-09-FD (Continued)</b>									
			<b>Lims Reference ID: AE11055-17</b>			<b>Matrix: Drinking Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:51:00</b>	
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 12:59	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-10-FD</b>									
			<b>Lims Reference ID: AE11055-19</b>			<b>Matrix: Drinking Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 02/21/26 08:56:00</b>	
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 13:01	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-11-FD</b>									
			<b>Lims Reference ID: AE11055-21</b>			<b>Matrix: Drinking Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 02/21/26 09:02:00</b>	
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 13:03	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-12-FD</b>									
			<b>Lims Reference ID: AE11055-23</b>			<b>Matrix: Drinking Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 02/21/26 09:06:00</b>	
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 13:09	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8
<b>Sample: BE-13-FD</b>									
			<b>Lims Reference ID: AE11055-25</b>			<b>Matrix: Drinking Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 02/21/26 09:11:00</b>	
<b>Metals</b>									
Lead	ND		1	1.00	µg/L	03/10/26 13:54	03/11/26 13:11	PL	EPA 200.8 (DA)/EPA 200.8



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**Certified Analyses included in this Report**

Analyte	Certifications
<i>EPA 200.8 in Drinking Water</i>	
Lead	NJDEP

**List of Certifications**

Code	Description	Number	Expires
PADEP	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	68-00367	11/30/2026
NYSDOH	New York State Department of Health ELAP	10872	04/01/2026
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	03036	06/30/2026
MADEP	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection	M-NJ337	06/30/2026
CTDPH	Connecticut Department of Public Health	PH-0270	06/30/2026
California ELAP	California Water Boards	1877	06/30/2026
AIHA LAP	American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA LAP, LLC)	100194	04/01/2027
A2LA	A2LA Environmental Certificate	2845.01	07/31/2026
21-A2LA	A2LA Food Chem/Mat Sci	2845.15	07/31/2026

Please see the specific Field of Testing (FOT) on [www.emsl.com](http://www.emsl.com) <<http://www.emsl.com>> for a complete listing of parameters for which EMSL is certified.



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**Notes and Definitions**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Definition</b>
P1	Sample was filtered and preserved at the lab prior to analysis.
P3	Sample was preserved by client prior to getting into laboratory.
(Dig)	For metals analysis, sample was digested.
[2C]	Reported from the second channel in dual column analysis.
DA	Direct Analysis
DF	Dilution Factor
MDL	Method Detection Limit.
ND	Analyte was NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit, or the mdl if provided.
NR	Spike/Surrogate showed no recovery.
Q	Qualifier
RCS	Respirable Crystalline Silica
RL	Reporting Limit
Wet	Sample is not dry weight corrected.

Measurement of uncertainty and any applicable definitions of method modifications are available upon request. Per EPA NLLAP policy, sample results are not blank corrected.

Owen McKenna 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.



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Customer Information	Customer ID: <u>B22W 50</u>	Billing Information	Billing ID:
	Company Name: <u>VAB</u>		Company Name:
	Contact Name: <u>CHRIS Glowacki</u>		Billing Contact:
	Street Address: <u>1805 ATLANTIC AVE</u>		Street Address:
	City, State, Zip: <u>MANASQUAN NJ 08736</u> Country: <u>USA</u>		City, State, Zip: Country:
	Phone: <u>973-726-3735</u>		Phone:
Email(s) for Report: <u>Bcarlucci@VAB.com c.Glowacki@VAB.com</u>		Email(s) for Invoice:	

Project Name/No: Bergen DCF 21866.013 Purchase Order:

EMSL LIMS Project ID: (If applicable, EMSL will provide) US State where sample collected: NJ State of Connecticut (CT) must select project location:  
 Commercial (Taxable)  Residential (Non-Taxable)

Samples for Compliance?  Yes  No If Yes, for NPDES?  Yes  No PWS ID: State Reporting Required?  Yes  No

Samples Collected by (Check One):  EMSL  CLIENT Samples Received Chilled?  Yes  No **Sample(s) Temperature Upon Receipt (LAB ONLY)** 17.9°C

Sampled By Name: Robert Carlucci Sampled By Signature: [Signature] Sampler ID#: (if applicable) No. Samples in Shipment: 26

Turn-Around-Time (TAT) Standard Turn-Around-Time:  **2 Weeks** The following TAT's are subject to Lab approval. Call lab to confirm TAT before submittal:  1 Week  4 Days  3 Days  2 Days  1 Day

Client Sample ID	Comp	Grab	Date / Time Collected	Matrix DW=Drinking Water WW=Wastewater S=Soil A=Air SL=Sludge O=Other	Preservative 1=HCL 2=HNO3 3=H2SO4 4=ICE 5=Other Describe below in Special Instructions	List Test(s) Needed: (Write in test below, then record # of bottles for each test in box)								Comments
						Test 1:	Test 2:	Test 3:	Test 4:	Test 5:	Test 6:	Test 7:	Test 8:	
BE-01-FD			2/21 8:00	DW		X								EMSL Cinnaminson Received Preserved Date <u>2/26/26</u> Initials <u>[Signature]</u>
BE-01-FL			2/21 8:02	↓		X								
BE-02-FD			2/21 8:06	↓		X								
BE-02-FL			2/21 8:09	↓		X								

Special Instructions and/or Regulatory Requirements (Sample Specifications, Processing Methods, Limits of Detection, etc.)  
FD = First Draw FL = Flush Flush sample to be analyzed if exceedance of limits on first draw sample

Reporting requirements:  Results Only  Results and QC  Reduced Deliverables  Hzresults EDD  Excel  Other

Method of Shipment: Sample Condition Upon Receipt: Received on Ice?  Check if Yes

Relinquished by: [Signature] Date/Time: 2/23/26 11AM Received by: [Signature] (WI) Date/Time: 2.25.26 @ 4:30pm

Relinquished by: [Signature] Date/Time: 2/26/26 0900 Received by: [Signature] (WI) Date/Time: 2/26/26 0900

Controlled Document - COC-07 Chemistry R15 07/14/2025  AGREE TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE (By checking, I consent to signing this Chain of Custody document by electronic signature.)

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BE-03-FD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:12	DW		X										
BE-03-FL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:13	↓		↓										
BE-04-FD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:17													
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BE-05-FD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:24													
BE-05-FL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:26													
BE-06-FD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:31													
BE-06-FL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:33													
BE-07-FD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2/21 8:40		↓			↓								

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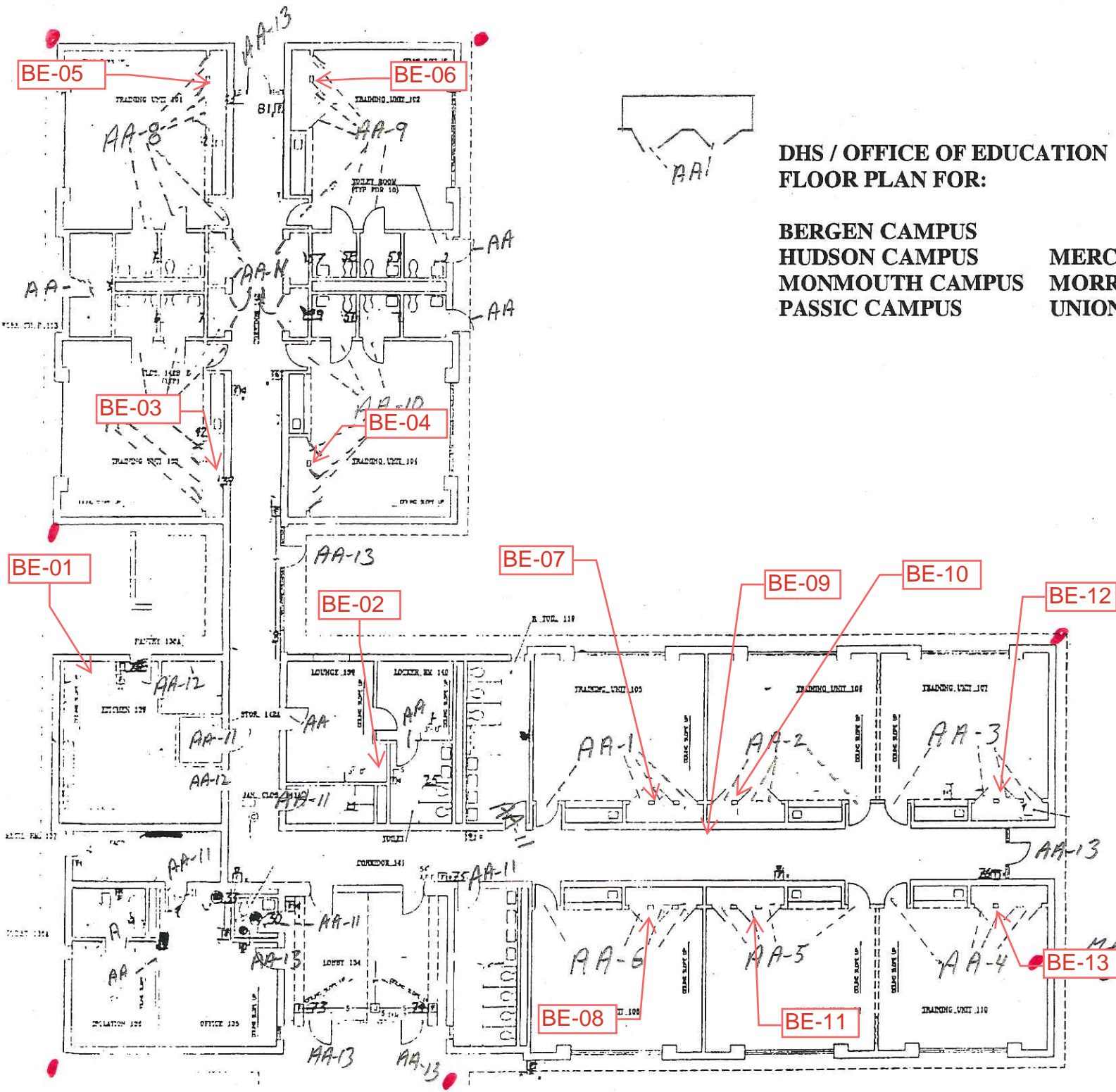
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AGREE TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE (By checking, I consent to signing this Chain of Custody document by electronic signature.)

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