

5.2.4. Trace Levels of Asbestos. If asbestos appears in a field of view but does not lie directly under a point, the analyst shall note this on the analysis sheet. If the analyst suspects that, based on the stereobinocular examination, asbestos is present but none is detected during the point-count analysis, the analyst shall retrieve the original bulk material, remove any suspicious fibers, mount them in an appropriate medium, and determine their identity. If the fibers are confirmed as asbestos, this should be noted on the analysis sheet. Although these observations will not be used for quantitation, they will be incorporated into the final report to warn about potential false negatives.