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March 29, 2011

Mr. Jerry Dimsdale 257 Flag Street Ithaca, NY 14850

Dear Mr. Jerry Dimsdale:

Thank you for requesting services from ENVIRO TESTING.

Enclosed please find the General Home Inspection Report which was compiled for you on December 2, 2008 at the above noted property.

RE:

935 Denny Lane

Ithaca, NY 14850

Included in your report is a summary page identifying items from our General Building Inspection Report, which in our opinion, require immediate attention in addition to those items which the buyer/occupant may choose to upgrade, improve or maintain at a later date or after obtaining ownership. Please note that the estimated cost of repairs for items requiring immediate attention are not bids or intended to be used as such. You are advised to contact specialists for estimated repair costs prior to closing.

Please take the time to review the entire General Home Inspection Report in detail and call us with any questions you have. The final judgment concerning the seriousness of any perceived defect identified in our inspection report, the appropriateness of any proposed remedial action or the advisability of employing a specialist for further evaluation is the responsibility of the client.

The field inspection report and summary reflect the visual conditions of the property at the time of the inspection only. Hidden or concealed defects cannot be addressed in this report. The inspection and report are not intended or to be used as a guarantee or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding the adequacy, performance or condition of any inspected structure, item or system. Furthermore, this company is not responsible for any third party reliance on this report.

Please take time to read the last pages of your General Home Inspection Report concerning general limitations and limiting conditions and immediately call us if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Tarnowski
Director of Environmental Services / Member
NYS INSPECTOR LICENSE # 16000012046
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# GENERAL BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT

935 Denny Lane, Ithaca, NY 14850



Prepared for:

Mr. Jerry Dimsdale 257 Flag Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

December 2, 2008

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# (G) GENERAL INFORMATION

SUBMITTED TO: INSPECTION SITE:

Name: Mr. Jerry Dimsdale Address: 935 Denny Lane

Address: 257 Flag Street Ithaca, NY 14850

Home Phone: File #: 007-598666.
Work Phone:

**Mobile:** 607-444-2121

INSPECTION DATA: PROPERTY DATA:

Present for Building Style: 1 family

**Inspection:** Purchasers and home owner Stories: 2

Estimated age: 1935 Per: Realtor
Orientation of Front of Building: East

Occupied?: Yes

Weather: Partly Cloudy Utility Status: All utilities on.

Soil Conditions: Damp

Temperature: 20-30 Building Access: Owner Home

Comments:

SAMPLE REPORT ONLY

#### **GENERAL HOME INSPECTION STATUS DEFINITIONS**

**INSPECTED** Item was inspected by inspector.

NI NOT INSPECTED

Item was not inspected because of inaccessibility or seasonal impediments or

was not included in the inspection.

NP NOT PRESENT OR Item does not exist or was not found by the inspector during the inspection.

Δ ATTENTION NEEDED Item is not functioning as intended or in need of routine maintenance, repair or

replacement. Refer to condition statement for further information.

**Note:** Some Items are inspected by representative sample, i.e, windows, electrical receptacles. Appliances are tested for basic function only. Fireplaces and flues are typically not fully viewable.

# (S) SUMMARY - I

#### ITEMS NEEDING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

The following items listed in this section are, in our opinion, in need of immediate attention. (i.e. Structural defects, Safety issues, Water intrusion problems, Major non-functioning items, Etc.)

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SECTION	REMARKS	ESTIMATED REPAIR COST
R-1	Recommend contacting a roofing contractor to correct the conditions noted in the roof section of this report to prevent water infiltration and / or damage.	Obtain estimate
R-6	Recommend correcting the conditions noted at the gutters to prevent damage to foundation areas and water infiltration.	Obtain estimate
BS-7, 9	Contact a general contractor to correct the conditions noted at the supports in the basement / structure section of this report.	\$200-250
P-6, BS-11	Contact a plumbing contractor to correct the conditions noted at the washer connection in the plumbing section of this report.	r \$75-125
HS-1, 2, 5, 7	No service records are present for the furnace. Due to the age of the system, we recommend contacting a heating contractor to clean and service the furnace, inspect the heat exchanger and to perform any of the manufacturers recommended maintenance at this time.	Obtain estimate

# (S) SUMMARY - II

# **ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR UPGRADE and/or MAINTENANCE**

The following items listed in this section are, in our opinion, suggested for maintenance, upgrading or improvement.

SECTION	ITEM(S)	SECTION	ITEM(S)
A-4	Attic ventilation	BS-2	Basement walls
BS-4	Basement windows	BS-8	Cracked main beam
BA-1	Bathroom area	CS-3	Crawl space insulation
CS-4	Crawl space ground cover	E-5	Wire conductors
E-6	Branch circuits	ES-1	Loose siding
ES-2	Peeling paint at trim	ES-3	Loose fascia
ES-4	Missing area of soffits	ES-5	Deterioration at exterior foundation
I-1	Window hardware	I-3	Deterioration at ceiling
I-5	Uneven area of floor	1-7	Loose handrail
LG-1	Deterioration at driveway	LG-3	Loose handrail
LG-5	Deck railings	LG-9	Poor grading
P-2	Leaky shutoff valve	R-2	Tar at flashing areas
R-4	Tar at valley areas	R-5	Missing chimney cap
R-7	Short downspout extensions	R-9	Moss at addition roof

# (S) SUMMARY - III

#### **NEWER / UPDATED ITEMS**

The following items listed in this section have been identified during our on site inspection as being newer, updated and/or well maintained.

SECTION	REMARKS
E-2	Electric is updated and in good condition.
K	Kitchen is updated and in good condition.
P-8	Water heater is newer and in good condition.

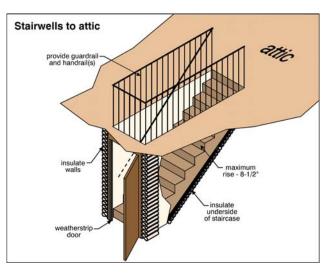
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**1. Main Access** *Type:* Walk up fixed stairs.

**Condition:** There are no railings provided at the attic area.

Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted for safety.



<b>Y</b>	NI □	NP	A	2.	Roof Framing	Type: Size:	Rafters 2 X 8 - 16" on center
					Condition: Appe	ears serviceable.	
<b>Y</b>	NI	NP	A	3.	Sheathing	<i>Type:</i> Pla	ank board
					Condition: Appe	ears serviceable.	
Y	NI	NP	A	4.	Ventilation	<i>Type:</i> Ric	dge and Window
						• •	be minimal, consideration should be taken to install to improve air flow.
					Comments: Reco	ommend correcti	ng the conditions noted to ensure adequate ventilation.
<b>Y</b>		NP	A	5.	Chimney Com	ponents	
					Condition: Appe	ears serviceable.	
	NI	NP.	A	6.	Attic Fan	Туре:	

I NI NP	Å 7.	Whole Ho	ouse Fan 7	Гуре:				
8. Evidenc	e of ongo	oing water	penetration of	or stai	ining from previous	leaks?	Yes	<b>▼</b> No
						- Imp	nodiato Attor	ntion
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(B	<b>S</b> )	E	3AS	EN	MENT 8	k STR	UC	TURE
Acce	essib	ility	Basen	nent is	only partially	accessible,	stored	tems and shelving limit the access to various areas.
Heat	Тур	е	Force	d hot a	ir			
<u> </u>	NI	NP	A	1.	Floor Condition:	Floor is no The basen	ot fully vi	Concrete sible, due to stored items. or areas are not fully visible for thorough inspection; however th pear serviceable.
<b>Y</b>	NI	NP	A	2.	Walls		Туре:	Poured concrete
					Condition:	Deteriorati	ion note	visible, due to stored items and shelving. d to foundation walls is minor. ed at left wall toward front.
					Comments	: Monitor an	nd corre	ct conditions as needed.
M	NI	NP	A	3.	Ceiling		Туре:	Not finished - Planks
			_		Condition:	Appears s	erviceal	lle.
		NP	À	4.	Basemen	t Window	ıs Ty <sub>l</sub>	<b>pe:</b> Wood
					Condition:			cking noted at the rear windows. the left rear.
					Comments	: Correct co	nditions	as needed.
	NI Y	NP	A	5.	Drains		Туре:	Floor drain
					Condition:	Appears so drainage.	erviceal	ole but no water was added to make a determination of proper
	NI	NP <b>Y</b>	A	6.	Sump Pur	mp	Туре:	
<b>M</b>	NI □	NP	A	7.	Floor Jois	ets		e: Conventional wood framing. 2 X 8 - 16" on center

Condition: Large cracked floor joist noted at the right rear.

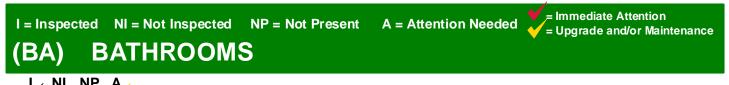
Larger areas of cracking noted near the right side sill.

Comments: Recommend re supporting the cracked joists near sill area as needed.



Large crack at floor joist

Y	NI □	NP	A	8.	Beams Type: Wood				
					Condition: Minor twist noted at beam area, does not appear to be significant at this time.				
					Comments: Monitor and correct conditions as needed.				
	NI	NP	A	9.	Columns/Supports Type: Adjustable metal and Wood				
					<b>Condition:</b> The base of the wood posts are rotted.  Posts that are used are too small for structure and should be replaced with properly sized supports.				
					Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted to ensure stability of structure.				
	NI	NP	A	10.	Chimney Components				
					Condition: Appears serviceable.				
					oing water penetration or staining from previous leaks? 🍯 Yes 🔲 No as may conceal evidence of current or previous moisture conditions.				
Location/Comments:					Standing water noted at the right side of basement, unable to verify source.  Some dripping noted at the washer connection.  Water dripping from dishwasher area.  Staining noted under the kitchen area, tested damp.  Staining noted under the toilet, tested damp.				





First floor

Minor corrosion is noted on water supply lines under the sink, monitor Sink:.....

for leakage and correct as needed. Drain stopper control lever is missing.

Moisture is detected below toilet surrounding floor area, possible

leaking seal. A new wax seal should be installed under toilets having

active leakage.

Tub/Shower Fixtures:.. Shower diverter did not divert water properly.

Mechanical drain stopper is not operational at tub.

Tub/Shower Surround: Caulk and seal all tub and shower areas as a precaution.

Bathroom vent is installed but the location where the vent terminates Ventilation:....

is undetermined.

**Comments:** Recommend correcting the conditions noted for proper operation.

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= Immediate Attention = Upgrade and/or Maintenance

# **CRAWL SPACES**

Access Type: Opening in wall

Condition: Access is restricted by falling insulation and stored items, unable to fully inspect.

Ventilation Type: Not vented

3. Insulation Type: Fiberglass **Depth:** 0-3"

**Condition:** Insulation is falling down.

**Comments:** Recommend correcting the conditions noted for proper operation.



Falling insulation in crawl space



**Ground Cover** Type: Dirt

Condition:

No vapor barrier is present.

**Comments:** Recommend installing vapor barrier to prevent moisture infiltration from soil.

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L NI NP A

Condition: Appears serviceable.



Main electrical panel

NI	NP	A	3.	Sub Panel(s)	Type: Location	:
NI	NP	A	4.	Ground	Туре:	Ground to water pipes and rods.
				Condition: Appe	ears serviceal	ble.
NI	NP	A	5.	Wire Conducto	or <i>Type:</i>	Copper - non-metallic cable and Flexible metal conduit
				Condition: Olde	er wiring is pre	
				Comments: Reco	ommend corre	ecting the conditions noted for safety.
NI □	NP	A	6.	Branch Circui	ts	

**Condition:** • Light switch is poorly secured to the wall back box at laundry room.

- Some grounded type outlets (3 prong) did not appear to be properly grounded.
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets are recommended for installation at all locations that are prone to moisture or within 6' of sink or other water source i.e. exterior, garage, bath room, laundry, sump pump, kitchen outlets, etc.
- Older devices and fixtures present.
- Stored items prevent access and testing at some outlets and switches.
- The use for some of the switches could not be determined during the inspection.

Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted for proper operation / safety.

NI NP A
Condition: Smoke Detectors

Type: Battery

Condition: Smoke alarm(s) responded to test button operation.

Responded to test button operation.

Smoke Detectors

Type: Battery

Condition: Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Type: Battery

Condition: Carbon monoxide alarm(s) responded to test button operation.

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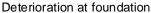


# (ES) EXTERIOR SURFACES

section.
C

**Comments:** Recommend sealing / patching the deteriorated areas of the foundation to prevent further deterioration.







Deterioration at foundation

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# **HEATING SYSTEM**



Estimated Age: 30+ Location: Basement

Type: Forced Air BTU's: 90,000 Fuel: Natural Gas Manufacturer: General Electric **Serial Number:** 511704 - 142

Condition: Corrosion / rust flakes noted on the burners and below the burn chamber, cleaning / servicing is recommended.

Unit is near or beyond the end of its normal design life.

Corrosion is noted at base of unit.

Area above burners is deteriorated, unable to fully access. Recommend immediate evaluation by heating contractor.

No service records are present on the unit. Regular maintenance is recommended by manufacturers to keep systems operating most efficiently and to help prevent

problems.

Comments: A heating contractor should be called to make further evaluation and repairs.



Forced air furnace



Typical deterioration above the burners



2. Heat Exchanger Type: Partially visible only

NI NP A

**Condition:** The heat exchanger portion of a gas fired heater is difficult to access without disassembly, and cannot be adequately checked during a visual inspection. We recommend that a heating contractor be called to verify the condition of the heat

exchanger prior to settlement date.

■ 3. Venting Type: Metal to chimney

Condition: Appears serviceable.

4. **Distribution** *Type:* Metal ducts and registers

Condition: Asbestos like material noted at ductwork, recommend having tested for asbestos

content before disturbing material.

Appears serviceable.

5. Fuel Lines/Tank Type: Steel

Condition: Leakage is noted within unit near shutoff.

Comments: A heating contractor should be called to make repairs.



Area of gas leakage

6. Thermostat Quantity: 1 Location: Living Room

Condition: Older thermostat is present but operated.

7. Blower Type: Belt driven Air Filter: The air filter has been installed

backwards.

The filter is not properly secured, recommend correcting to prevent filter from entering

the blower motor.

**Condition:** The system lacks cleaning, the blower and fan compartment are dirty.

Comments: A heating contractor should be called to make repairs.

= Immediate Attention

A = Attention Needed NI = Not Inspected = Upgrade and/or Maintenance I NI NP A Windows Type: Wood - Casement and Double hung **Condition:** Missing hardware noted at laundry area. Some loose hardware noted in the kitchen. Comments: Correct conditions as needed. NI NP A 2. Doors Type: Hinged Condition: A representative sampling was taken. Doors as a grouping are generally operational. Ceilings Type: Drywall Condition: Area of drywall is deteriorated at bathroom from prior moisture damage. Comments: Correct conditions as needed. NI NP Walls Type: Wall paper, Paneling, and Drywall Condition: Stored items and/or furnishings prevent full inspection. The wall areas are not fully visible for thorough inspection; however the visible portions appear serviceable. NI NP 5. **Floors** Type: Carpet and Ceramic tile **Condition:** Stored items and furnishings prevent full inspection. Uneven areas noted at kitchen / laundry area and at the second floor. Comments: Correct conditions as needed. 6. Stairs Type: Wood Condition: Interior stairs appear serviceable. 7. Handrails Type: Wood

Condition: Loose handrail noted to the second floor.

Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted for safety.

**NP = Not Present** 

= Immediate Attention NI = Not Inspected A = Attention Needed I = Inspected **NP = Not Present** = Upgrade and/or Maintenance KITCHEN & APPLIANCES I NI NP A 1. Kitchen Sink Type: Stainless Steel **Condition:** Appears serviceable. 2. Cooking Appliances Manufacturer: Amana Type: Electric Condition: Appears serviceable. 3. Ventilator Manufacturer: NuTone Type: Rangehood re circulating Condition: Appears serviceable. 4. Dishwasher Manufacturer: Whirlpool Condition: Ran through it's cycles and unit appears serviceable. **Disposal** Manufacturer: 6. Cabinets Type: Wood Condition: Appears serviceable. 7. Counter Tops Type: Laminate Condition: Appears serviceable. = Immediate Attention I = Inspected NI = Not Inspected **NP = Not Present** A = Attention Needed = Upgrade and/or Maintenance OT & GROUNDS NI NP 1. Driveway Type: Blacktop **Condition:** Larger areas of cracking noted.

Surface area is raised and settled in various areas.

Comments: Correct conditions as needed.

Type:

2. Walks

Concrete

Condition: Appears serviceable.

I NI NP A

3. Steps/Stoops Type: Wood

Condition: Deteriorated areas of steps noted.

Handrails are loose at steps.

Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted for safety.

**4. Porch** *Type:* Covered

Condition: No access below the porch for inspection.

Appears serviceable.

I NI NP A

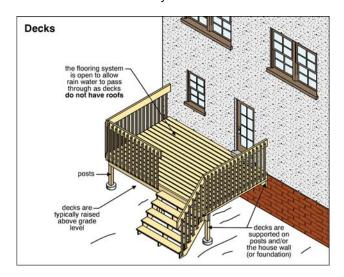
▼ □ □ ▼ 5. Decks

**5. Decks** *Type:* Wood

Condition: Improperly spaced railings noted.

Access to deck underside is blocked. viewing was possible only from below steps.

Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted for safety.



I NI NP A

▼ □ □ □ □ 6. Patio

**6. Patio** *Type:* Concrete

Condition:

Appears serviceable.

7. Patio/Deck Cover Type: 8. Retaining Walls Type:



Type: Flat site.

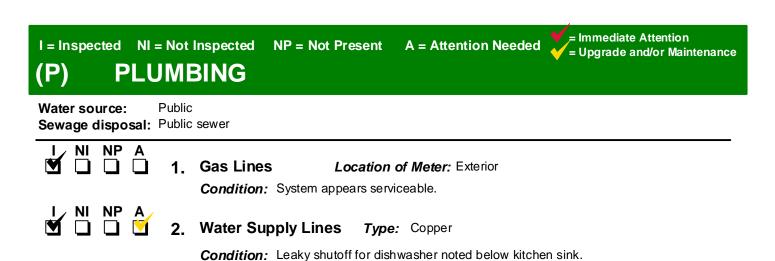
Condition: Pitch of slope is slightly toward foundation at the driveway, under deck, and at some areas to the left. Slope should fall away from the foundation at a minimum of 1/2 inch per foot and extend at least 10 feet away from the foundation for proper

drainage.

Comments: Monitor and correct conditions as needed.







Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted.



Leaky shutoff

4	NI	NP	A	3.	Waste Lines Type: Copper and Cast Iron
					<b>Condition:</b> The waste lines are not fully visible for thorough inspection; however the visible portions appear serviceable.
┙	NI Y	NP	A	4.	Exterior Spigots
<u>_</u>	NI	NP.	A	5.	Laundry/Utility Sink Type:
4	NI	NP	A	6.	Washer Connections Location: Basement
					Type: Drains to stand pipe and is trapped.

Type: Drains to stand pipe and is trapped.

Condition: Spigot for washer connection is leaking.

Comments: Recommend correcting the conditions noted to prevent water from leaking to floor

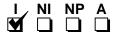
areas.



Leaking washer connection

7. Dryer Connections Location: First floor

Condition: Appears serviceable.



8. Water Heater Size: 40 Gallons Location: Basement

Manufacturer: Whirlpool Type: Gas

**Serial Number:** 020247-306-394 Estimated Age: 2

Vent System Type:...... Metal pipe to - chimney.

Vent System Condition: Flue vent is intact, appears serviceable.



Water heater

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#### **ROOF**



1. Main Roof

Estimated Age: 15+

Type: Cross gabled / low dormer **Covering:** Composition shingles

Method of Inspection: Walked on roof

Condition: Roof pitch at the dormer is minimal for shingle installation.

Lifted shingles noted at various areas.

Weathered / curling shingles noted at most areas.

Replaced shingles noted at some areas.

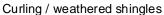
Nails and/or fasteners are exposed at the roof surface and are not properly sealed.

Comments: Recommend contacting a roofing contractor to make necessary corrections to

prevent water infiltration and / or damage.

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Weathered / damaged shingles



NI NP A
2. Exposed Flashings Type: Unable to determine

Condition: Tar covered areas indicate a potential active or prior leakage.

Comments: Monitor and correct conditions as needed.



Tar covered flashing at chimney



Tar covered flashing at vent

I NI NP A

▼ □ □ □ □ 3. Vent Pipes

Type: Metal

Condition: Appears serviceable.

Type: Shingled

Condition: Tar covered areas at valley indicates a potential active or prior leakage.

Comments: Monitor and correct conditions as needed.



Tar covered valley area

I NI NP A

5. Chimney

Type: Sealed

**Condition:** There is no chimney cap installed.

**Comments:** Installation of a chimney cap with spark arrestor is highly recommended to prevent

water from entering the masonry stack or entering the wood chase causing deterioration. A spark arrestor, in addition to reducing fire possibility from burning

embers, will eliminate animals and birds from entering the flue.



Chimney

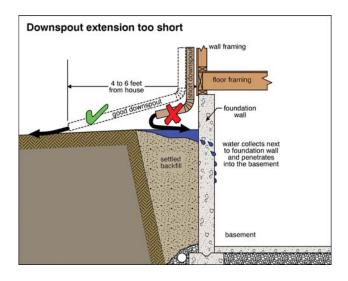
Condition: Appears serviceable.

7. Downspouts & Extensions Type: Metal

Condition: Downspout extension is too short at the front right, recommend extending further

from building to route water an adequate distance from the foundation area.

**Comments:** Recommend correcting the conditions noted for proper operation.



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I NI NP A

B Skylights Type:

I NI NP A

9. Additional Roof Estimated Age: 15+

Type: Addition roof Covering: Composition shingles

Method of Inspection: Viewed from above

**Condition:** Some moss is noted growing at the shingle tabs of roof surface area.

Comments: Monitor and correct conditions as needed.

NI NP A	1.			Type: Double pane and Sing	gle pane
		Condition: A	ppears se	erviceable.	
NI NP A	2.	Exterior Doo	ors	Type: Wood and Metal	
		Condition: A	ppears se	erviceable.	
NI NP A	3.	Ceilings	Type: F	Fiberglass batts	Depth: 12 inches
		Condition: A	ppears se	erviceable.	
I NI NP A	4.	Walls	Туре:		Depth:

Comments: No access for proper inspection.

I NI NP A

Depth:

# (AR) ADDITIONAL REMARKS and CERTIFICATION

#### **ADDITIONAL REMARKS**

The water treatment system is not a part of this inspection.

#### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I hereby certify that I have adhered to the terms of the assignment set forth in the definitions, guidelines and general limitations outlined in this report.

Inspector's Signature:

Jon Mackay

NYS INSPECTOR LICENSE # 16000013592

**Date:** 12/2/2008

### (GL) STATEMENTS OF GENERAL LIMITATIONS

- 1. The inspection and this report are furnished based upon the inspector's experience, training, observations and professional opinion. The document was prepared per visual observations of existing conditions at the time of the visit. The client reserves the right to obtain a second opinion by others in the case of questionable or controversial conditions observed or suspected as a result of this inspection.
- 2. No warranties or guarantees on any aspects of the structure, its components or the general premises are expressed or implied. The inspector shall not be responsible for any repairs, remedies or replacements of any elements of the property or its contents. Specific remedies, which would require the preparation of detailed methods, sketches, plans and/or specifications, are beyond the realm of this observatory and investigative report.
- 3. The inspection and the report thereof have been conducted and prepared, respectively, in conformance with generally accepted home inspection practices.
- 4. This service does not constitute a code compliance inspection or an attempt to imitate, duplicate or supersede jurisdictional inspections by a municipality, state or federal agency or other public or quasi-public authority.
- 5. This inspection did not include any items which were concealed or otherwise not readily accessible. Items requiring dismantling, use of tools, exploratory excavation or penetrations, dewatering, or other specialized means of uncovering were not inspected. The inspector is not required to remove inspection covers which are not readily accessible, or move walls or stored items, enter restrictive or hazardous spaces, or perform any tests or procedures which could damage or destroy the items being inspected, or which could cause harm to the inspector or others.
- 6. The inspector is not responsible for determining the presence of elements which may harbor causes of diseases or reactions in humans or animals. No investigations were made as part of this report for the presence of, or degree of, asbestos, noxious gases, radon, toxic substances, carcinogenic or malodorous materials or other conditions affecting air quality. In the case of gas-fired heating and domestic water heating equipment, any odors noted are included elsewhere in the body of this report.
- 7. Roof systems, including roofing, framing, support, downspouts, rain gutters, flashings, chimney protrusions, soffits, fascias, trim and venting were observed with binoculars from safe vantage points to void damage to the components and to avoid hazards to persons.
- 8. No inspections were made for presence of, or damage caused by, termites or other wood-infesting insects or organisms, except that same may be noted as being contributory to certain structural damage, along with such conditions as wet or dry ort, if applicable, and documented elsewhere in this report.
- 9. No tests or observations were made of conditions relating to on-site municipal sewer drains and water systems serving the premises, other than to make comment on visual checks or breakage or leaks.
- 10. Fireplaces, solid fuel stoves, space heaters and solar heating devices, when found present, were not operated or internally inspected, serviced or cleaned.
- 11. Chimneys and flues, when present, were observed externally for structural distress or fire/smoke damage. No internal inspections, cleaning or repairs were made.
- 12. SAFETY: The inspector will not check any area that poses a threat to safety. Steep, slippery, or brittle roofs are not walked, attics with insulation that prevents safe footing are not traversed, suspicious equipment is not operated, etc.
- 13. HIDDEN DAMAGES & CONDITIONS: We will not be able to find things that are out of view or concealed. Recently painted surfaces may hide clues, etc. We are not at liberty to:
  - Perform destructive or disruptive testing or assessments.
  - Lift carpets, remove ceiling panels, insulation, vapor barriers, etc.
  - Move appliances, clothing, furniture, heavy, delicate or personal items.
  - Check mechanical equipment during inappropriate weather.
- 14. PER SONAL RISK ASSESSMENT: You really must assess risks yourself. Different people view problems and risks differently. An inspector will never be able to assess the risks for you. Problems that would be of little concern to one person may loom large for another. For this reason, major problems are defined as those which generally cost \$500.00 or more to repair or which constitute a serious safety risk to a reasonable person. A serious risk is one which presents a clear and present danger, rather than anything which might result in harm or which could have a negative health affect over time.
- 15. EQUIPMENT/INSTALLATIONS: Ages are guessed and installations are not checked against manufacturer's recommendations. Only those utilities actually listed are presumed to exist.

- 16. PUBLIC RECORDS: This inspection concerns the on-site physical property only. No checks are made for such things as: Public records; traffic density; noise; odors; building value appraisal; zoning ordinance conformance; warranty or transfer disclosure; contract; etc.
- 17. CODES: No check is made for building/housing code conformance. Such codes are normally guides applicable during construction to be executed by duly authorized personnel to interpret and site as per their judgment. There is often wide variance in jurisdictions, changes over time, and judgmental differences. Your inspector is not an authorized code official unless otherwise specified. Check all amateur work with local authorities.
- 18. ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE WORK: No engineering, architectural, or other such licensed work will be performed. This includes geological or structural hazards, site or engineering analysis, etc.
- 19. ENVIRONMENT AL: The following are beyond the scope of the standard visual inspection/survey: environmental hazards, water and air quality, toxic or all ergenic,
- 20. WEATHER RESTRICTIONS: The weather will impact the inspection usually with a mix of pluses and minuses. Really cold weather presents a challenge to heating systems but prevents operation of air conditioning equipment while really hot weather can do the opposite. Rainy weather usually can make it easier to spot leaking roofs and basements. Snow can obscure roofing, landscaping, driveways, etc. Unfortunately, the inspection company will not be able to return to check the property during alternate weather. This is something you should definitely do prior to taking legal acceptance.