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Dr. Michael and Mrs. Patti Cheikin 34820 Capstan Lane Lewes, DE 19958

Reference: Second Clearance Testing and Mold Sampling at 34820 Capstan Lane, Lewes, DE 19958

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Cheikin:

Thank you for the opportunity to conduct clearance testing and air sampling at the above referenced house for possible indoor air quality issues. The purpose of the February 14, 2023, clearance testing and mold sampling was to establish that the abatement phase of the water damage restoration project at the Property was completed. The evaluation was conducted in a manner consistent with our agreement of October 21, 2022.

The clearance testing consisted on "white glove" testing of the interior of the house and accessible portions of the HVAC system. This methodology looks for free dust and dirt on surfaces, along with untreated areas of darkened or other surfaces that have been visually water damaged and are untreated or replaced.

Clearance testing was conducted on February 14, 2022, and the review found these areas to be acceptably clean.

The air sampling consisted of the following activities:

• Air samples were collected using an accepted method for analysis by an accredited laboratory for airborne mold. Samples were collected Outdoors, in the Foyer, Kitchen/Family room, and in the Master bedroom.

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• Air temperature and relative humidity measured at airborne mold sampling locations were:

	Temperature, °F	Relative Humidity, %
Outdoors	64	21
Foyer	65	34
Kitchen/Family room	64	37
Master bedroom	64	38

Note photographs of both the clearance and mold tests are on file.

Analytical Results

Samples were collected on February 14, 2023, and sent to an accredit laboratory for airborne mold analysis. The attached analytical results indicated the presence of unexpected concentrations and types of molds in the indoor samples compared to the outdoor sample. Excess concentration of aspergillus/penicillium were measured in the Kitchen/Family room area. Comparing these results to the January 30, 2023, sampling, the types and concentrations of mold have responded favorably to the second cleaning. Unfortunately, the aspergillus/penicillium concentration still is excessive.

Conclusion and Recommendations

Based on the information assembled as part of this evaluation at the time of the evaluation, Cogent offers the following conclusions and recommendations. Should additional information become available, Cogent reserves the right to change the conclusions and recommendations accordingly.

- 1. Mold types and concentrations measured inside of the house exceeded accepted concentrations. Using the services of a licensed and accredited mold abatement company reclean and decontaminate the Kitchen/Family room area, using currently accepted techniques.
- 2. In planning the third cleaning of this area, after a joint review by the abatement contractor and Cogent, it may be decided to isolate the exterior walls in the Kitchen/Family room area from the interior of the house. The interior area the Kitchen/Family room area can then be recleaned and retested. The results should help delineate the source of the aspergillus/penicillium.
- 3. Note that industry experience with aspergillus/penicillium decontamination is that repeated cleanings are often required to achieve the desired indoor air quality endpoint.

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Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you. Contact us with your questions and comments.

Sincerely yours,

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Service SOPs: MoldReport Spore trap (EM-MY-S-1038)†

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Dates of Analysis: MoldReport Spore trap: 02-14-2023

All samples were received in acceptable condition unless noted in the Report Comments portion in the body of the report. Due to the nature of the analyses performed, field blank correction of results is not applied. The results relate only to the samples as received and tested. Information supplied by the client which can affect the validity of results: sample air volume.

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Your MoldREPORTTM is designed and intended for use by professional inspectors in office and residential home inspections to help in the assessment of mold growth in the living areas sampled by professional inspectors. Our laboratory analysis is based on the samples submitted to Eurofins EMLab P&K. Please read the entire report to fully understand the complete MoldREPORTTM process. The following is a summary of the report sections:

1. Detailed Results of Sample Analysis - Laboratory results from the samples collected at the site.

2. Understanding Your Sample Analysis Results - Detailed summary of how to understand the analytical results from the air samples and/or surface samples including interpretive guidelines.

3. Important Information, Terms and Conditions - General information to help you understand and interpret your MoldREPORTTM, including important terms, conditions and applicable legal provision relating to this report.

4. Scope and Limitations - Important information regarding the scope of the MoldREPORTTM system, and limitations

of mold inspection, air sampling, and surface sampling.

5. Glossary - Definitions and descriptions of frequently used terms and commonly found mold.

6. References and Resources - Literature, websites, and other materials that can provide more in-depth information about mold and indoor air quality.

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Summary of Sample Analysis Results

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Air Sample Summary:

The MoldSCORETM was in the MODERATE range for the following area(s): 3. A moderate MoldSCORETM means that the results are inconclusive, and suggests that a more detailed inspection by a trained professional may make sense if there are any other reasons to believe that mold growth could be a problem in this room.

The MoldSCORETM was in the LOW range for the following area(s): 2, 4. A low MoldSCORETM indicates the air sample did not detect, relative to the outside air, the presence of indoor mold growth in this room at the time of sampling.

Please see the sections titled "Detailed Results of the Air Sample Analysis" and "Understanding Your Air Sample Analysis Results" for important additional information.

Location	MoldSC	ORE™				Exposur	e Leve	l	
2: Foyer 3546 3743	Lower <110 200	Higher 300	Mold Score	Lower <200	1K	10K	Higher	Location spores/m3	Outside spores/m3
* see p. 4 for details		300	116					<u>300</u>	580
3: Kitchen 3546 3745	Lower	Higher	Mold	Lower			Higher	Location	Outside
* see p. 5 for details	<110 200	300	Score 152	<200	1K	10K	>70K	spores/m3 710	spores/m3 580
4: Master Bedroom 3546 3739	Lower	Higher	Mold	Lower			Higher	Location	Outside
	<110 200	300	Score	<200	1K	10K	>70K	spores/m3	spores/m3
* see p. 6 for details			116					300	580

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Detailed Results of the Air Sample Analysis

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				116							110	4	53	2
B) Cladosporium species spores				103							53	2	53	2
C) Basidiospores				108							130	5	350	13
D) "Marker" spore types***				100][< 7	0	< 7	0
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E) "Other" spore types***,***				102							7	1	20	3
1) Nigrospora														
Other Sample Information							С	ther "	norn	nal tra	opping"	spores	***	

Sample clarity & visibility

	Good	Moderate	Poor							
Location	Х									
Outside	Х									

'Good" = background debris is light enough to pose no difficulty in analyzing air samples. "Poor" = background debris so heavy that it poses a significant difficulty in analyzing the air sample accurately. Results are most likely lower limits.

Other "normal trapping spores

Exposure Level (Highly unlikely to be from indoors)										
Lower	88									
<200 1K 1	0K >70K	spores/m3	raw ct	spores	/m3	raw ct				
	< 7									
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			Loca	ition	0	utside				
Sample volume (lite	ers)		15	50		150				

Comments

Location	None
Outside	None

* Rated on a scale from low to high. A MoldSCORETM rating of <150 is low and indicates a low probability of spores originating inside. A MoldSCORETM rating of >250 is high and indicates a high probability that the spores originated from inside, presumably from indoor mold growth. A MoldSCORETM between 150 and 250 indicates a moderate likelihood of indoor fungal growth. Eurofins EMLab P&K's MoldSCORETM analysis is NOT intended for wall cavity samples. It is intended for ambient air samples in residences. Using the MoldSCORETM analysis on other samples (like wall cavity samples) will lead to misleading results.

** The spores of Penicillium and Aspergillus (and others such as Acremonium and Paecilomyces) are small and round with very few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated by spore trap sampling methods. Also some species with very small spores are easily missed, and may be undercounted. The Penicillium/Aspergillus indicator operates on the assumption that the majority of the spores in this category are, in fact, Penicillium or Aspergillus.

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Total spores/m3 has been rounded to two significant figures to reflect analytical precision.

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Detailed Results of the Air Sample Analysis

Location Lab ID-version:‡ 15310459-1		Mold Source Asse od spores originat		Overall Exposure Level (Shown on a log scale)						side 0457-1	
3: Kitchen 3546 3745	Lower <110	Higher 200 300	Mold Score	Lower <200	0				spores/m3	l raw ct	
			152					710	27	580	24

Mold

Score

152

106

109

100

101

Lower

< 200

Indicator Mold Source Assessment*

(Likelihood spores originated inside)

200

Higher

300

Lower

< 110

Indicators of Mold Growth Indoors

A) Penicillium/Aspergillus types**

- B) Cladosporium species spores
- C) Basidiospores
- D) "Marker" spore types***
- E) "Other" spore types***,****

1) Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes

Other Sample Information

Sample clarity & visibility

	Good	Moderate	Poor
Location		X	
Outside	Х		

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Other "normal trapping" spores***

Indicator Exposure Level

(Shown on a log scale)

Location

raw ct

13

4

7

0

spores/m3

350

110

190

< 7

Outside

raw ct

2

2

13

0

3

spores/m3

53

53

350

< 7

20

Higher

>70K

10K

Exposure Level (Highly unlikely to be from indoors)										
Lower Higher Location Outside										
<200 1K	1K 10K $>70K$ spores/m ³ r									
	2	11	0	4						
Location Outsid										
Sample volume (liters)			15	50		150			

Comments

Location	None
Outside	None

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Detailed Results of the Air Sample Analysis

Location Lab ID-version:‡ 15310460-1	Overall Mold S (Likelihood spor			erall Expo own on a				Outside \$\$15310457-1\$			
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Indicators of Mold Growth											
<u>Indoors</u>	Indicator Mold S	Source Asso	essment*	Indicator Exposure Level							

Mold

Score

116

103

106

100

100

Lower

< 200

(Likelihood spores originated inside)

200

Higher

300

Lower

< 110

Indoors

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Other "normal trapping" spores***

(Shown on a log scale)

Location

raw ct

4

2

4

0

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spores/m3

110

53

110

< 7

< 7

Higher

>70K

10K

Outside

raw ct

2

2

13

0

3

spores/m3

53

53

350

< 7

20

Exposure Level							
(Highly unlikely to be from indoors)							
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Comments

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Understanding Your Air Sample Analysis Results

Description of the Air MoldREPORTTM Analysis

Mold spores are present in virtually all environments, both indoors and outdoors, with a few notable exceptions such as industrial clean rooms and hospital organ transplant rooms. Generally, in "normal" or "clean" indoor environments, indoor spore levels are lower, on average, than outdoor levels. However, even the most simple rules (such as "inside/outside" ratios) are not always appropriate for determining whether there is a source of mold growth indoors, and may provide false or misleading results. One reason these simple methods do not always work is because both outdoor and indoor spores levels vary widely due to factors such as weather conditions and activity levels within the room. For example, even in a "normal" home, spore levels can be higher than outdoors at certain times, such as after vacuuming (when airborne indoor levels could be unusually high) or after a heavy snow (when outdoor levels could be unusually low).

MoldREPORTTM is designed and intended to provide an easily understood report for residential home inspections to help in the assessment of mold growth in the living areas sampled. MoldREPORTTM relies on non-invasive and non-destructive tests, so it cannot guarantee that hidden mold problems will be detected and reported. MoldREPORTTM results apply only to the rooms or areas tested, at the time of sampling. Factors taken into consideration include, but are not limited to, the distribution of spore types, absolute levels inside and outside, relative levels inside and outside, the range and variation of spore levels that normally occur outside, and the types of spores present.

Providing you with a helpful, understandable and top quality interpretation requires special expertise. Eurofins EMLab P&K recognizes this and has taken the following steps to provide the best possible interpretation of your air sampling results.

1. Your samples were analyzed by Eurofins EMLab P&K,

2. We utilize the proprietary MoldREPORTTM analysis system, which was developed by a team including leading professionals in the indoor air quality (IAQ) industry.

MoldSCORETM

The MoldSCORETM indicates the likelihood, based upon the air sample laboratory data, that there is unusual or excessive mold growth in the properly sampled indoor area(s). It is calculated using Eurofins EMLab P&K's proprietary MoldREPORTTM system, based upon the indicator scores described in the following paragraphs. When the on-site inspection and sampling are done properly, MoldREPORTTM is less likely to give false results than other, simpler methods of interpretation often employed for routine home inspections, such as ratio analysis. It is important to bear in mind that any analytical method, findings, and interpretation should be used with a degree of caution and common sense. Any decisions related to health should be made in consultation with a medical doctor, and nothing in this report is intended to provide medical advice or indicate whether a medical or safety problem exists.

Descriptions of the indicators:

Quantity and concentration of *Penicillium/Aspergillus* spore types

This score indicates the likelihood that spores of *Penicillium* or *Aspergillus* present in the indoor sample originated from indoor sources. A high score suggests that there is a high probability that *Penicillium* or *Aspergillus* is originating indoors, such as from active mold growth. A low score indicates that the spores present are more likely to have originated from outdoor sources and come inside through doors and windows, carried in on people's clothing, or similar methods. *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* are among the most common molds found growing indoors and are one of the more commonly found molds outside as well. Their spores are frequently present in both outdoor and indoor air, even in relatively clean, mold-growth-free, indoor environments. Additionally, their levels vary significantly based upon activity levels, dustiness, weather conditions, outside air exchange rates, and other factors.

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Quantity and concentration of *Cladosporium* spores

This score indicates the likelihood that spores of *Cladosporium* present in the indoor sample originated from indoor sources. A high rating indicates that there is probably a source of *Cladosporium* spores in this location. *Cladosporium* is one of the most commonly found molds outdoors and is also frequently found growing indoors. Even more so than *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus*, spores from *Cladosporium* are generally present in outdoor and indoor air, even in relatively clean, mold-growth-free, indoor environments. Its levels also vary based upon activity levels, weather conditions, dustiness, outside air exchange rates, and other factors.

Quantity and concentration of basidiospores

This score indicates the likelihood that basidiospores present in the indoor sample originated from indoor sources. Basidiospores are extremely common outdoors and originate from fungi in gardens, forests, and woodlands. It is rare for the source of basidiospores to be indoors because basidiospores are produced by a group of fungi that includes mushrooms and other "macrofungi" (and are not technically molds). Their concentrations can be extremely high outdoors during wet conditions such as rain. Nevertheless, in certain conditions basidiospores can be produced indoors, and a high rating indicates that there is probably a source of basidiospores indoors. One reason basidiospores are important is that they can be an indicator of wood decay (e.g. "dry rot"), a condition that can dramatically reduce the structural integrity of a building.

Quantity and concentration of "marker" spore types

This score indicates the likelihood that certain distinctive types of mold present in the indoor sample originated from indoor sources. Certain types of mold are generally found in very low numbers outdoors. Consequently, their presence indoors, even in relatively low numbers compared to *Penicillium*, for example, is often an indication that these molds are originating from growth indoors. When present, these mold types are often the clearest indicator of a mold problem. Note, however, that the absence of marker spore types does not mean that a mold problem does not exist in a house; it just means that if a problem is present, it either involves types of mold that are more commonly found both indoors and outdoors, or that the spores from these molds were not airborne at the time of sampling.

Quantity and concentration of "other" spore types

This score indicates the likelihood that other types of mold present in the indoor sample originated from indoor sources. This score includes a heterogeneous group of genera that are not covered by any of the scores discussed above, and so it is difficult to make generalizations about this group. Molds in the "other" category are generally found outdoors in moderate numbers, and are therefore not considered markers of indoor growth. They are frequently found indoors but in lower numbers compared to *Cladosporium* and *Penicillium/Aspergillus* spores.

Other Sample Information:

Sample clarity and visibility

Air samples collect dirt and debris in addition to mold spores. Higher levels of debris make analysis more difficult, because they obscure the analyst's view of spores and can therefore lead to undercounting of the mold spores present. When sample clarity and visibility is rated "poor", the analytical results should be regarded as minimal and actual counts may be higher than reported.

Other "normal trapping" spores

Some molds do not grow on wet building materials and, consequently, are not usually indicative of building problems, or growth on building surfaces. Strict plant pathogens, for example, even if present in high numbers indoors, are not an indication of a building leak or mold growth on a wall or carpet. This section of the report focuses on the exposure level that may be due to these spore types.

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Sample volume

The "sample volume" indicates the volume of air sampled and is reported in liters. A high volume indicates a greater sensitivity, but is more likely to result in poor sample clarity and visibility. A low volume is more likely to have good sample clarity and visibility, but has less sensitivity.

Comments

This is where analysts can comment on unusual details or add additional information that is not captured by the other areas of the air sampling report.

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Interpretive Guidelines to MoldSCORETM Levels

MoldSCORETM Level: LOW

A low MoldSCORETM indicates the air sample did not detect, relative to the outside air, the presence of indoor mold growth in this room at the time of sampling. This result, by itself, is evidence for, but does not prove, the absence of indoor mold growth in the location sampled.

Mold is a living organism that can grow very rapidly under certain conditions. If any portion of the room tested is, or has been, damp for an extended period since the time of testing, the likelihood of mold growth may have increased substantially since the time of the inspection.

MoldSCORETM Level: MODERATE

The air sampling MoldSCORE[™] indicated the possibility of mold growth indoors. Generally, a MODERATE level means that the results are inconclusive, and suggests that a more detailed inspection may make sense if there are any other reasons to believe that mold growth could be a problem in this location. Indoor mold growth is a possibility, but was not confirmed in the areas sampled at the time of the inspection. Factors such as recent cleaning, HVAC cycles, high winds, rain, or other indoor or outdoor conditions could have contributed to a MODERATE result in the absence of indoor mold growth. If mold growth is found, regardless of the magnitude of the growth, it is recommended that the growth be physically removed using appropriate controls and precautions. If mold has been located and removed, it is also important to identify and correct the source of moisture or dampness that allowed the mold to grow. If the affected area becomes moist again, mold growth will occur again. We recommend that you consult a professional if you are not familiar with how to locate and safely remove mold growth or how to identify and correct moisture problems that may exist.

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MoldSCORETM Level: HIGH

The air sampling MoldSCORETM indicated a high likelihood of mold growth in the area tested at the time of the inspection. This result is NOT necessarily an indication that any such mold growth was extensive. If mold growth is found, regardless of the magnitude of the growth, it is recommended that the growth be physically removed using appropriate controls and precautions. If mold has been located and removed, it is also important to identify and correct the source of moisture or dampness that allowed the mold to grow. If the affected area becomes moist again, mold growth will occur again. We recommend that you consult a professional if you are not familiar with how to locate and safely remove mold growth or how to identify and correct moisture problems that may exist.

Health concerns

Neither this report nor any MoldSCORETM rating is intended to provide medical advice, nor shall it be interpreted as an indicator of potential medical or safety problems. If you have concerns or questions relating to your health, please contact your physician for advice.

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MoldREPORTTM Inspection Limitations

MoldREPORTTM results are based upon mold air and surface samples. Mold surface samples are useful for confirming and identifying mold growth while air samples measure airborne mold levels.

This report provided by Eurofins EMLab P&K is based upon the assumption that the information provided by the inspector is true and correct, that a sufficient number of mold and air samples were collected at all the appropriate locations following proper inspection and sampling protocols, and that the mold samples collected represent normal conditions at the site sampled. Eurofins EMLab P&K is not able to, and cannot, guarantee the skill level or experience of the inspector performing the MoldREPORTTM inspection, nor can it guarantee that the samples have been properly collected at the site or are representative of normal conditions since many factors outside of Eurofins EMLab P&K's (and the inspector's) control can and do substantially affect mold levels. Consequently, Eurofins EMLab P&K cannot guarantee the accuracy of the interpretation provided herein. It is the responsibility of the inspector to insure that the mold samples were collected properly. MoldREPORTTM relies on non-invasive and non-destructive tests, so it cannot guarantee that hidden mold problems will be detected and reported. MoldREPORTTM results apply only to the rooms sampled, not to the entire building or any other rooms. It is the responsibility of the property owner, potential purchaser or other end-user of this report to select a properly trained and qualified inspector.

About Air Sample Sampling and Analysis

Eurofins EMLab P&K requires at least one outdoor air sample and one indoor air sample in order to make indoor/outdoor comparisons and assessments of airborne mold levels, which are an integral part of the Eurofins EMLab P&K MoldREPORTTM system. The indoor air samples taken can be representative of the airborne mold present in the area sampled. The analysis and interpretation of these air samples is proprietary and is based upon: relative levels of spores present, quantities and concentration of *Penicillium/Aspergillus* type spores, quantity and concentration of *Cladosporium* spores, quantity and concentration of "marker" spore types, quantity and concentration of "other" spore types, and the distribution of mold spore types. Spore identification is performed visually by trained analysts according to industry norms. Using visual identification, most mold spores lack sufficient distinguishing characteristics to allow for species identification, so the MoldREPORTTM analysis is generally performed at the genus level. Currently there are no generally-accepted protocols or regulations regarding air sampling for molds, in large part due to the inability of any single technique to provide a complete analysis of all mold spores and mold growth in an area. Air sampling for MoldREPORTTM can be performed using any standard "spore trap" method, which are also called "non-viable air sampling methods" because spore traps do not require the germination and growth of the spores before identification. Commonly used spore trap equipment for performing air sampling for mold includes Zefon Air-O-CellTM Cassettes, BurkardTM samplers, and AllergencoTM samplers.

About Surface Sampling and Analysis

Surface sampling can be useful for differentiating between mold growth and stains, for identifying the type of mold growth present (if present), and, in some cases, identifying signs of mold growth in the vicinity. Although not required, surface sampling can improve the accuracy of the results and interpretation of the inspected environment if sampled correctly. Eurofins EMLab P&K accepts surface samples in the form of swabs, tapes, or bulks in order to perform a direct examination of a specific location. The MoldREPORTTM analysis system uses the direct examination data in addition to the MoldREPORTTM air sample analysis.

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Glossary

Background Debris - Material(s) found on the air sample other than mold spore(s) or mycelia. Examples include skin cells, insect parts, and fibers.

False Positive - A test result that incorrectly indicates mold growth, when in reality there is none. For example, an air sample test result indicating indoor mold growth, when no mold growth is actually present is a "False Positive."

False Negative - A test result that shows no mold growth, when in reality mold growth is present. For example, an air sample test result indicating no indoor mold growth, when mold growth is actually present.

Fungi - A kingdom that includes yeasts, molds, smuts, and mushrooms. Fungi are not animals, plants or bacteria, but their own kingdom.

HVAC - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems are possible reservoirs for mold growth.

IAQ - Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is the main focus of Eurofins EMLab P&K and the majority of its customers.

Industrial Hygienist - A professional who monitors exposure to environmental factors that can affect human health. Examples of environmental factors include chemicals, heat, asbestos, noise, radiation, and biological hazards.

Marker Spores - Spore types, such as *Chaetomium* and *Stachybotrys*, that when found indoors, even in moderate numbers are an indication of indoor mold growth.

Note: This glossary is intended to provide general information about commonly occurring molds, and is not intended to be a complete source.

Alternaria:

Distribution: *Alternaria* is one of the most common molds and is abundant worldwide. This genus contains around 40 to 50 different species, only a few of which are commonly found indoors.

How it is spread: Alternaria spores are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Alternaria* is common outdoors in soil, dead organic debris, foodstuffs, and textiles. It is also a plant pathogen and is frequently found on dead or weakened plants.

Where it is found indoors: Alternaria can grow on a variety of substrates indoors when moisture is present.

Acremonium:

Distribution: Acremonium is a common mold, including about 80 to 90 different species.

How it is spread: Acremonium produces wet slimy spores and is normally dispersed through water flow or droplets, or by insects. Old dry Acremonium spores can sometimes be dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Acremonium* is found in soil, on dead organic material and debris, hay, and foodstuffs. Where it is found indoors: *Acremonium* can be found anywhere indoors, but requires very wet conditions in order to proliferate. The spores probably require active disturbance for release.

Aspergillus: (see Penicillium/Aspergillus)

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Basidiospores:

Distribution: Basidiospores are produced by a very large and diverse group of fungi called basidiomycetes, which contains over 1000 different genera. This group includes many well-known macrofungi, such as mushrooms. Basidiospores are often abundant in outdoor air and sometimes in indoor air.

How they are spread: Many types of basidiospores are actively released into the air during periods of high humidity or rain. Once the spores are expelled into the air, they are dispersed easily by wind.

Where they are found outdoors: Basidiomycetes are very common outdoors and can be found in gardens, forests, grasslands, and anywhere there is a substantial amount of dead organic material. They are also found on or near plants and some are known to be plant pathogens.

Where they are found indoors: Basidiospores found indoors typically come from outdoor sources and are carried inside by airflow or on clothing. Certain kinds of basidiomycetes can grow indoors, such as those that cause "dry rot", which can cause structural damage to wood. Occasionally, other basidiomycetes such as mushrooms can be found indoors, but this is not common. Generally, basiodiomycetes require wet conditions for prolonged periods in order to grow indoors.

Bipolaris / Dreschlera:

Distribution: *Bipolaris* and *Dreschlera* are two separate genera of molds that are so visually similar that they are commonly discussed together as a group. Both genera include around 30 - 40 different species.

How they are spread: Bipolaris / Dreschlera spores are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where they are found outdoors: *Bipolaris / Dreschlera* type spores are most abundant in tropical or subtropical climates. They can grow in soils, on plant debris and grasses, and are known to be plant pathogens.

Where they are found indoors: *Bipolaris / Dreschlera* can grow on a variety of indoor substrates when moisture is present.

Ceratocystis / Ophiostoma:

Distribution: *Ceratocystis / Ophiostoma* are two separate genera of molds that are so visually similar that they are commonly discussed together as a group. These genera contain around 50 to 60 different species.

How they are spread: *Ceratocystis / Ophiostoma* produce wet slimy spores and are normally dispersed through water flow, droplets, or by insects. These spores are rarely identified in air samples.

Where they are found outdoors: *Ceratocystis / Ophiostoma* are very common in commercial lumberyards and forests.

Where they are found indoors *Ceratocystis / Ophiostoma* are abundant on wood framing material in the home, although the spores are rarely found in air samples. This mold is sometimes called "lumber mold".

Chaetomium:

Distribution: *Chaetomium* is a common mold worldwide. This genus contains around 80 - 90 different species. **How it is spread:** *Chaetomium* spores are formed inside fruiting bodies. The spores are released by being forced out through a small opening in the fruiting body. The spores are then dispersed by wind, water drops, or insects. **Where it is found outdoors:** *Chaetomium* can be found in soil, on various seeds, cellulose substrates, dung, woody materials and straw.

Where it is found indoors: *Chaetomium* can grow in a variety of areas indoors, but is usually found on cellulosebased or woody materials in the home. It is very common on sheetrock paper that is or has been wet.

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Cladosporium:

Distribution: *Cladosporium* is an abundant mold worldwide and is normally one of the most abundant spore types present in both indoor or outdoor air samples. This genus contains around 20 - 30 different species.

How it is spread: *Cladosporium* produces dry spores that are formed in branching chains. Spores are released by twisting of the spore-bearing hyphae as they dry. Thus, the spores are most abundant in dry weather.

Where it is found outdoors: *Cladosporium* is found in a wide variety of soils, in plant litter, and on old and decaying plants and leaves. Some species are plant pathogens

Where it is found indoors: *Cladosporium* can be found anywhere indoors, including textiles, bathroom tiles, wood, moist windowsills, and any wet areas in a home. Some species of *Cladosporium* grow at temperatures near or below O(C) / 32(F) and can often be found on refrigerated foodstuffs and even frozen meat.

Curvularia:

Distribution: *Curvularia* is a cosmopolitan fungus and includes approximately 30 different species. **How it is spread:** *Curvularia* produces dry spores that are formed in fragile chains and is very easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Curvularia* is most common in tropical or subtropical regions. It is found in soil and on debris of tropical plants.

Where it is found indoors: Curvularia can be found growing on a variety of substrates indoors.

Epicoccum:

Distribution: Epicoccum is a cosmopolitan mold that includes only two species.

How it is spread: *Epicoccum* produces large dry spores that are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Epicoccum* can be found in soils or on plant debris.

Where it is found indoors: *Epicoccum* is commonly found on many different substrates indoors including paper, textiles, and insects.

Memnoniella:

Distribution: *Memnoniella* is a cosmopolitan mold genus that includes approximately five species. It is frequently found in conjunction with *Stachybotrys* species due to its similar ecological preferences.

How it is spread: Memnoniella produces dry spores that are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Memnoniella* can be found outdoors in soil, in plant debris or litter, and as pathogens on some types of living plants.

Where it is found indoors: *Memnoniella* can grow on a variety of substrates indoors, but mainly can be found on wet cellulose-based materials, such as wallboard, jute, wicker, straw baskets, paper and other wood by-products.

Paecilomyces:

Distribution: *Paecilomyces* is ubiquitous in nature and includes between 9 and 30 different species, depending on the taxonomic system used. Its spores are visually similar to *Penicillium / Aspergillus* types of spores.

How it is spread: Paecilomyces produce dry spores that are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Paecilomyces* is found outdoors in soils and decaying plant matter, composting processes, legumes and cottonseeds. Some species parasitize insects.

Where it is found indoors: *Paecilomyces* can be found on a number of materials indoors. It has been isolated from jute fibers, papers, PVC, timber, optical lenses, leather, photographic paper, cigar tobacco, harvested grapes, bottled fruit, and fruit juice undergoing pasteurization.

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Penicillium / Aspergillus:

Distribution: *Penicillium / Aspergillus* are two separate genera of molds that are so visually similar that they are commonly discussed together as a group. Together, there are approximately 400 different species of *Penicillium / Aspergillus*.

How it is spread: *Penicillium / Aspergillus* produce dry spore types that are easily dispersed through the air by wind. These fungi serve as a food source for mites, and therefore can be dispersed by mites and various insects as well. **Where it is found outdoors:** *Penicillium / Aspergillus* are found in soils, decaying plant debris, compost piles, fruit rot and some petroleum-based fuels.

Where it is found indoors: *Penicillium / Aspergillus* are found throughout the home. They are common in house dust, growing on wallpaper, wallpaper glue, decaying fabrics, wallboard, moist chipboards, and behind paint. They have also been isolated from blue rot in apples, dried foodstuffs, cheeses, fresh herbs, spices, dry cereals, nuts, onions, and oranges.

Stachybotrys:

Distribution: Stachybotrys is ubiquitous in nature. This genus contains about 15 species.

How it is spread: *Stachybotrys* produces wet slimy spores and is commonly dispersed through water flow, droplets, or insect transport, less commonly through the air.

Where it is found outdoors: *Stachybotrys* is found in soils, decaying plant debris, decomposing cellulose, leaf litter and seeds.

Where it is found indoors: *Stachybotrys* is common indoors on wet materials containing cellulose such as wallboard, jute, wicker, straw baskets, and other paper materials.

Torula:

Distribution: *Torula* is a cosmopolitan microfungus and includes approximately eight different species **How it is spread:** *Torula* produces dry spores that are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Torula* is most common in temperate regions and has been isolated from soils, dead herbaceous stems, sugar beet roots, groundnuts, and oats.

Where it is found indoors: *Torula* is common indoors on wet materials containing cellulose, such as wallboard, jute, wicker, straw baskets, and other paper materials.

Ulocladium:

Distribution: Ulocladium is ubiquitous in nature and includes approximately nine different species.

How it is spread: Ulocladium produces dry spores that are easily dispersed through the air by wind.

Where it is found outdoors: *Ulocladium* is common outdoors in soils, dung, paint, grasses, wood, paper, and textiles.

Where it is found indoors: *Ulocladium* is common indoors on very wet materials containing cellulose such as wallboard, jute, wicker, straw baskets, and other paper materials. *Ulocladium* requires a significant amount of water to flourish.

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Useful Websites:

www.acgih.org American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists - information on IAQ and useful links.

www.aiha.org American Industrial Hygiene Association - general IAQ information

www.calepa.ca.gov California Environmental Protection Agency - California IAQ resources

www.emlab.com Eurofins EMLab P&K

www.epa.gov Environmental Protection Agency - information regarding prevention and remediation of mold

www.health.state.ny.us New York State Department of Health - New York state recommendations for IAQ, indoor mold inspections, remediation, and prevention

www.moldreport.com MoldREPORTTM - online store, and other information about MoldREPORTTM

www.nih.gov National Institutes of Health - information regarding environmental health issues, including IAQ

www.niehs.nih.gov National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences - information on mold

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Service SOPs: MoldReport Spore trap (EM-MY-S-1038) AIHA-LAP, LLC accredited service, Lab ID #103005 Dates of Analysis: MoldReport Spore trap: 02-14-2023

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All samples were received in acceptable condition unless noted in the Report Comments portion in the body of the report. Due to the nature of the analyses performed, field blank correction of results is not applied. The results relate only to the samples as received and tested. Information supplied by the client which can affect the validity of results: sample air volume.

The analytical sensitivity is the spores/m³ divided by the raw count, expressed in spores/m³, per spore and per sample.

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Laboratory Results

MoldREPORT: Spore Trap Analysis

Location:	1: Outside 3546 3749		2: Foyer 3546 3743		3: Kitchen 3546 3745		4: Master Bedroom 3546 3739		
Comments (see below)	None		N	lone	None		None		
Lab ID-Version [‡] :	15310457-1		1531	0458-1	1531	0459-1	15310460-1		
Analysis Date:	02/14/2023		02/14/2023		02/14/2023		02/14/2023		
Spore types detected:	raw ct. per m3		raw ct.			raw ct. per m3		raw ct. per m3	
Alternaria		1		per m3		per m5		per m5	
Arthrinium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	- 4	- 110	-	-	- 2	- 53	-	27	
Ascospores	-	110	-	-			1	21	
Aureobasidium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Basidiospores	13	350	5	130	7	190	4	110	
Bipolaris/Drechslera group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Botrytis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cladosporium	2	53	2	53	4	110	2	53	
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Myrothecium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nigrospora	1	7	1	7	-	-	-	-	
Penicillium/Aspergillus types	2	53	4	110	13	350	4	110	
Pithomyces	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rusts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	2	13	-	-	1	7	-	-	
Stachybotrys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Stemphylium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Torula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Trichoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ulocladium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
§ Total:		580		300		700		290	
Additional Information:									
Hyphal fragments		-		-		-		-	
Skin cells	7 - 33		7 - 33		7 - 33		7 - 33		
Pollen	33		< 7		7		< 7		
Background debris [†]	1		1		2		1		
Limit of detection	7		7		7		7		
Sample volume (liters)	150		150		150		150		
MoldSCORE:		N/A		116	150		116		

Comments:

§ Total Spores/m3 has been rounded to two significant figures to reflect analytical precision. Rev02 03/11

[†] Background debris is an indication of the amounts of non-biological particulate matter present on the slide (dust in the air) and is graded from 1 to 4 with 4 indicating the largest amounts.

The revision on the fungi identified in your report please visit www.emlab.com. ‡ A "Version" indicated by -"x" after the Lab ID# with a value greater than 1 indicates a sample with amended data. The revision number is reflected by the value of "x".