

**DATE:** March 9, 2015

**TO:** Lana Fisher, Principal

**SUBJECT:** Bluebonnet ES - IAQ -Initial Contact - Room 418

On Monday 3/9, I received W.O. #212439: "Could we please have someone come out and test room 418 for mold-she is saying her room smells of mildew and mold." This morning 3/9, I inspected Room 418. Didn't see any water intrusions or stained ceiling tiles. I will set up a P.O. to request an Air Test from Apex Titan. If the temperature is above 60 degrees and not raining, the test should be done during the week of March 16 to 20. As soon as I get the results, I will E-mail you. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks, Paul

Paul Siddall Maintenance Energy Auditor (IAQ) Facility Services Lewisville ISD 469-446-8882



**DATE:** April 2, 2015

**TO:** Lana Fisher, Principal

**SUBJECT:** Bluebonnet ES - IAQ - Air Test Results report - Room 418

On Monday 3/30, Apex-Titan Air tested Room 418. It is typically assumed that indoor spore levels in an area with filtered or air conditioned air, and activity levels associated with schools average 10% to 40% of the outdoor levels. Data from the airborne fungi sampling indicated that the total indoor concentration of mold/fungi in Room 418, was 4.1% of the outdoor levels. Utilizing this theory, the indoor concentrations are well within the acceptable guidelines for areas with filtered air or air conditioning. If you have any questions, please call me.

Thanks, Paul

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April 1, 2015

Lewisville Independent School District 340 Lake Haven Lewisville, Texas 75057 Attn: Mr. Paul Siddall

Re: Limited Mold Assessment Services

Bluebonnet Elementary School

Room 418

2000 Spinks Road Flower Mound, Texas LISD PO No. 91525458-00 Apex Project No. 7250115089

#### **Introduction**

Apex TITAN, Inc., a subsidiary of Apex Companies, LLC (APEX) conducted limited mold assessment activities for the Lewisville Independent School District (Lewisville I.S.D.) within Bluebonnet Elementary School located at 2000 Spinks Road in Flower Mound, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "Site"). The investigation was limited to areas of the Site identified by Lewisville I.S.D. as described below. The assessment was performed by Mr. Clinton S. Jech, a State of Texas licensed Mold Assessment Technician (Lic. No. MAT1075) on March 30, 2015. Apex's mold services definitions and limitations are included as an attachment to this report.

#### **Investigation Areas**

Lewisville I.S.D. identified the following physical portions of the Site as the target investigation areas ("Investigation Areas") for mold assessment: readily accessible areas within room 418. Apex's mold assessment services were limited to the Investigation Area(s) identified by Lewisville, I.S.D. Additional areas or portions of the Site were out-of-scope and not included in Apex's mold assessment or this report at this time.

#### **Scope of Work**

As set forth in Apex's Mold Assessment Proposal (No. P01151122) dated March 17, 2015. Apex's scope-of-work was to provide visual and/or analytical mold assessment and related services in the Investigation Areas which included:

Visual Reconnaissance: Apex performed a visual reconnaissance of the Investigation Areas for visible indications of moisture intrusion (as indicated by staining or visible moisture) and/or suspect mold growth. Apex's visual reconnaissance only included readily accessible or visible portions of the Investigation Areas.

Suspect Mold Growth Sampling and Analysis: Apex collected limited ambient air samples for nonviable mold spores utilizing Air-O-Cell cassettes. "Air-O-Cell" refers to slit impaction air sampling cassettes manufactured by Zefon Analytical Accessories, St. Petersburg, Florida.

#### Site Reconnaissance Observations/Findings and Recommendations

Apex' Mold Assessment Site reconnaissance was performed on March 30, 2015 by Mr. Clinton S. Jech. Apex's visual reconnaissance of the Investigation areas revealed the following:

### **Temperature and Relative Humidity**

Temperature readings collected inside the room was reported as 71.4 degrees Fahrenheit while relative humidity was reported as 46.5 percent. Temperature readings collected outside the building ranged from 77.1 to 78.2 degrees Fahrenheit while outside relative humidity ranged from 54.6 to 56.6 percent.

Relative humidity is a measure of the moisture content of air and is closely tied to the comfort of the office/workplace temperature. As with temperature, there are no regulations governing acceptable office/workplace humidity ranges. Humidity levels in the office/workplace are not only related to health effects, but also have operational impacts on modern office equipment.

Workplace/office temperatures have historically been considered a subjective factor because the perception of uncomfortable temperature levels is specific to each individual. There are no regulations governing acceptable office/workplace temperature ranges, but significant research has been conducted which indicates that there are temperature ranges that are not only comfortable but also result in optimum performance. ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air Conditioning Engineers) has published guidelines describing thermal environmental conditions that at least 80% of the persons who occupy that environment will find acceptable or "comfortable." Table I below explains the applicable limits and guidelines.

Table I								
Acceptable Ranges Of Temperature And Humidity								
Relative Humidity	Winter Temperatures	Summer Temperatures						
30%	68.5 to 76°F	74 to 80°F						
40%	68.5 to 75.5°F	73 to 79.5°F						
50%	68.5 to 74.5°F	73 to 79°F						
60%	68 to 74°F	72.5 to 78°F						

Apex utilized a Protimeter Moisture Measurement System (MMS) instrument (Model No. BLD2000) to measure and diagnose dampness in the drywall within random areas. The MMS is a battery powered handheld unit that is equipped with hydrostick probes to measure moisture content in wood, drywall and other and non-conductive materials. The device measures electrical conductivity of building materials and compares the conductivity readings to an internal, electronic standard reading for normal or "dry" materials.

Moisture content readings were obtained by pushing the moisture probe pins into surfaces. The measured values were then displayed on a colored scale depicting if the materials measured were normal (dry), higher than normal but not critical (at risk) or contained excessive moisture levels (wet). Based on the manufacturer's guidelines, the instrument measurement values are described below:

< 5%	Out of Range
> 5% but < 16%	Normal
> 17% but < 20%	Higher than Normal but Not Critical
> 20%	Excessive Moisture Levels

Moisture meter readings taken from the walls within the room ranged from 11 to 14% which is considered normal by the manufacturer.



#### **Air Monitoring Results**

Apex collected one (1) sample from the interior of the investigation area and two (2) samples from the exterior of the building. The microbial samples were analyzed by Steve Moody Micro Services, LLC. (SMMS) in Farmers Branch, Texas; SMMS is a State of Texas licensed mold analysis laboratory and accredited under the AIHA Laboratory Quality Assurance Program for Environmental Microbiology.

Air testing performed using spore traps indicated that total airborne mold spores in the classroom were lower as compared to those measured outside of the building at the time the sampling was performed. The total fungal spore concentration within the investigation area was reported as 561 counts/m³, while the exterior level ranged from 8,344 to 13,784 counts/m³.

Two (2) types of mold were identified at a higher concentration within the investigation area as compared to the sample collected from the exterior of the building. Air sample(s) collected within classroom 418 reported Oidium/Peronospora as 13 counts/m³ while no exterior levels were reported. Curvularia was reported as 7 counts/m³ while no exterior levels were reported.

The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) sets forth assessment criteria related to the "indoor/outdoor" relationship where the indoor air quality should be at or below that of outdoor air quality with regard to fungal spores (see ACGIH Bioaerosols, Assessment and Controls publication, 1999).

#### **Suspect Mold**

No visible mold was observed during the assessment. No odors or excessive dust were noted.

#### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Based on Apex's limited assessment and the analytical results collected, it appears that the indoor air quality, as it relates to airborne fungi was within recommended guidelines on the day of the assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if we can assist you with any other matter, please contact the undersigned at (214) 350-5469.

Sincerely,

Apex TITAN, Inc.

Darren G. Bowden

Senior Program Manager

**Texas Mold Assessment Consultant** 

Lic. No. MAC0321

Attachments: Analytical Results/Chain of Custody, Mold Services Definitions & Limitations



# **ATTACHMENT 1**

Analytical Results/Chain of Custody





Client:

**Project:** 

Project #:

# **IAQ Mold Report**

Summary

2051 Valley View Lane

Farmers Branch, TX 75234 Phone: (972) 241-8460

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Apex TITAN, Inc. - Dallas, TX

Bluebonnet ES, Room 418

**Lab Job No.** 15F-03804

**Report Date** 04/01/2015 11:06 AM

DSHS License No.: LAB0117

AIHA EMPAT ID: 102577

**Sample Date :** 03/30/2015

Sample Type: Spore Trap, Non-cultured Spore Trap Type: Zefon - Air-O-Cell

**Test Method:** Mold: ASTM D7391-09 - Standard Profile Page 1 of 2

On 3/30/2015, three (3) samples were submitted by Clint Jech of Apex TITAN, Inc. - Dallas, TX (located at 2351 W. NW Highway #3321, Dallas, TX 75220) for Spore Trap, Non-cultured mold analysis. This report consists of three sections; a summary section, a data detail section, and an analytical notes section.

Sample Number	Volume (liters)	Sample Description	Identification		ntration
1	75	Exterior, Southeast	Basidiospores Cladosporium Ascospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Agaricales group Hyphal / Spore Fragments Coprinus group Alternaria	6692 2053 1893 1213 1133 373 213 147 67	49% 15% 14% 9% 8% 3% 2% 1% <1%
2	75	Exterior, Southwest	Basidiospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Ascospores Coprinus group Cladosporium Hyphal / Spore Fragments Agaricales group Pithomyces	13784 4279 1053 680 680 653 573 320 93 13	100% 51% 13% 8% 8% 8% 4% 1% <1%
			Total:	8344	100%



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3	150	Room 418 * See Analytical Notes report for further details	Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Aspergillus / Penicillium Hyphal / Spore Fragments Basidiospores Cladosporium Alternaria Oidium / Peronospora Coprinus group Pithomyces Curvularia	140 140 87 87 47 20 13 13 7	25% 25% 16% 16% 4% 2% 2% 1%
			Total:	561	100%

Results may not be reported except in full. Data contained in this test report relates only to the samples tested. This report does not express or imply interpretation of

Moody Labs assumes no responsibility for the manner in which these samples were collected or handled prior to being received at this laboratory. Moody Labs assumes no responsibility for the qualifications of personnel performing sampling and/or interpretations of this data.

Rob Greene Analyst(s):

Lab Manager: Heather Lopez Lab Director: Bruce Crabb

Thank you for choosing Moody Labs

Approved Signatory: Bene Vall

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# IAQ Mold Report

#### **Data Detail**

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Alternaria	5	13.33	67	<1%				- ,,,	3	6.67	20	4%
Ascospores	142	13.33	1893	14%	51	13.33	680	8%				
Aspergillus / Penicillium	91	13.33	1213	9%	79	13.33	1053	13%	21	6.67	140	25%
Basidiospores	502	13.33	6692	49%	321	13.33	4279	51%	13	6.67	87	16%
Chaetomium												
Cladosporium	154	13.33	2053	15%	43	13.33	573	7%	7	6.67	47	8%
Coprinus group	11	13.33	147	1%	49	13.33	653	8%	2	6.67	13	2%
Curvularia									1	6.67	7	1%
Hyphal / Spore Fragments	16	13.33	213	2%	24	13.33	320	4%	13	6.67	87	16%
Memnoniella												
Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	85	13.33	1133	8%	51	13.33	680	8%	21	6.67	140	25%
Oidium / Peronospora									2	6.67	13	2%
Pithomyces					1	13.33	13	<1%	1	6.67	7	1%
Stachybotrys												
TOTALS	1034		13784	100%	626		8344	100%	84		561	100%
Analyst		Rob	Greene		Rob Greene				Rob Greene			
Analysis Date		4/	1/2015		4/1/2015			4/1/2015				
Debris Rating	3		3				5					
Debris Composition												
Fibers	1/5		1/5			3/5						
Inorganic/Other	4/5		4/5			5/5						
Insect Parts	0/5		0/5			0/5						
Pollen	3/5		3/5				1/5					
Skin/Dander	1/5		1/5			5/5						

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# **IAQ Mold Report**

#### **Analytical Notes**

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#### Samples Analyzed

3: Room 418 Sample No: Notes: 45% Occluded.

#### Field Blanks

No discernable field blanks were submitted with this set of samples.

#### NOTE: All remaining samples suitable for analysis.

#### **Methods**

Method: ASTM D7391-09: Categorization and Quantification of Airborne Fungal Structures in an Inertial Impaction Sample by Optical Microscopy.

Calculation: Spores/cubic meter = (Raw spore count)\*(MDL)

Note: MDL (Minimum Detection Limit) is calculated based upon 1 raw spore count.

Moody Labs recommends two significant figures for calculated values based on ASTM D7391-09.

This report must not be used by the customer to claim product certification, approval, or endorsement by AIHA, ISO, or any agency of the Federal Government.

#### **Debris Rating Key**

- 0 No debris detected.
- 1 Trace debris.
- 2 Light debris.
- 3 Moderate debris.
- 4 Substantial debris.
- 5 Extensive debris.
- 6 Field blank.
- 10 Hold Sample

NOTE: Debris defined as skin, fibers, pollen grains, insect parts, and/or other non-fungal particles.



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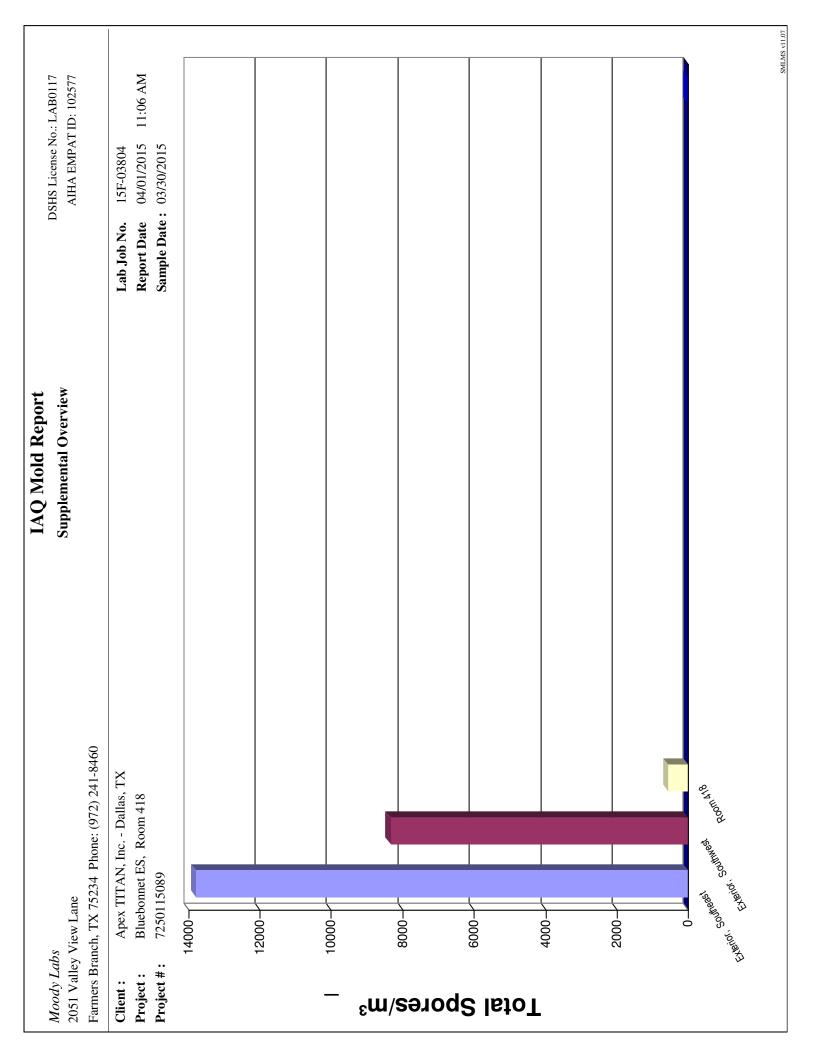






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# Chain of Custody

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# **ATTACHMENT 2**

Mold Services Definitions & Limitations/Standard of Care and Reliance





#### **Mold Services Definitions & Limitations**

"Mold" defined. Mold is a general term used to describe various types of singled-celled naturally occurring biological organisms occurring worldwide. For purposes of this report the term "mold" is broadly defined to include any living or dead fungi or related products or parts, including spores, hyphae, and mycotoxins.

Limited Scope of Mold Assessment. The scope of Apex's mold assessment services as reflected in the Proposal and this report are limited in that (i) they were physically limited to certain portions of the building structure (e.g., the Client identified Investigation Areas); and (ii) limited by accessibility to building materials or components within the Investigation Area(s). In contrast to a Limited Assessment" is a comprehensive assessment, which involves destructive sampling methods and the scope of the assessment typically extending to the entire building structure.

Time sensitive. Mold assessments are essentially a "snap shot in time," and the results are only relevant at the time of site reconnaissance. Because mold, when biologically active, is a living organism, its presence is influenced and controlled by environmental conditions. Mold assessments, therefore, are "time sensitive" in that the presence and concentration of mold and similar organisms in building structures or in the air is directly influenced by environmental conditions (such as humidity, moisture, nutrients and substrates), whether natural or caused by man, which conditions may vary significantly over relatively short periods of time.

Methodologies. Currently, mold assessment methodologies and protocols are governed by persuasive guidelines (rather than promulgated federal/state or local regulations). Presently, there is no data that supports a threshold limit or dose-response relationship for exposure to mold aeroallergens, individual pathogens, opportunistic pathogens and/or mycotoxins. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and other non-governmental associations, have not yet established permissible exposure limits (PELs), recommended exposure limits (RELs), or other limit values for aeroallergens. Because no limit values presently exist, Apex will not and cannot represent that the site contains no harmful microbes, mold, fungi, or their metabolites, or other latent conditions beyond those identified by the limited scope of this mold assessment.

Findings limited. Findings from a limited mold assessment are limited because of the nature of the information obtained (e.g., visual reconnaissance of readily accessible areas of building structures, interview information, anecdotal information, and limited sampling data derived from one or more specific sampling events). Apex cannot warrant the accuracy of prior or subsequent information/data, reports and services performed by other firms at the Site. Apex assumes no responsibility or liability for errors in information or data provided by or through the client or third party sources. Apex's services are not to be construed as legal or medical interpretation or advice.

Moisture Intrusion Limitation. Apex performs mold assessment services and is not a moisture intrusion, HVAC, roofing, plumbing or building envelope specialist. However, during the course of conducting its mold assessment services, Apex will report observed areas of apparent moisture intrusion. Apex does not and will not investigate the cause or causes of such observed moisture intrusion. In the event apparent moisture intrusion is observed, Apex will recommend

that the client contact a specialist (i.e., plumbing contractor, building envelope specialist, HVAC contractor, water intrusion specialist, etc.) to assist the client in determining the specific cause or causes of the moisture intrusion and remedial options.

#### Standard of Care

Apex performed its Services in accordance with generally accepted practices of the profession undertaken in similar services at the same time and in the same geographical area. No other warranties, expressed or implied, apply to the Services hereunder or this report.

#### Reliance

Apex's proposal for this project, services and this report have been prepared on behalf of and for the exclusive use of Lewisville Independent School District solely for their use and reliance in assessing the presence of mold in the Investigation Areas of the site. Lewisville Independent School District is the only party to which Apex explained the risks and limitations of the services and was solely involved in shaping the scope of services. Accordingly, reliance on this report by any other party may involve assumptions leading to an unintended interpretation of findings and opinions. With the consent of the client, Apex may offer reliance to third parties or contract with other parties to develop findings and opinions related to such party's unique risk management concerns. Notwithstanding the foregoing, reliance by any and all third parties upon the proposal, the Services or this report shall be limited in the aggregate to all relying parties to the fair market value of the Services provided by Apex.

