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May 31, 2013

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

Re: Limited Mold Assessment Services
Independence Elementary School
Room 109
2511 Windhaven Parkway
Lewisville, Texas.
SWG Project No. 0113H139

Introduction

Southwest Geoscience (SWG) conducted limited mold assessment activities for the Lewisville Independent School District (Lewisville I.S.D.) within Independence Elementary School located at 2511 Windhaven Parkway in Lewisville, 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 (License #MAT1075), on May 28, 2013. SWG'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 109. SWG'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 SWG's mold assessment or this report at this time.

Scope of Work

As set forth in SWG's Mold Assessment Proposal (No. 0113H1210) dated May 24, 2013, SWG's scope-of-work was to provide visual and/or analytical mold assessment and related services in the Investigation Areas which included:

Visual Reconnaissance: SWG 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. SWG's visual reconnaissance only included readily accessible or visible portions of the Investigation Areas.

Suspect Mold Growth Sampling and Analysis: SWG 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

SWG's Mold Assessment Site reconnaissance was performed on May 28, 2013 by Clinton S. Jech. SWG's visual reconnaissance of the Investigation areas revealed the following:

Temperature and Relative Humidity

Temperature readings collected inside the room was reported as 78.0 degrees Fahrenheit while relative humidity was reported as 36.5 percent. Temperature readings collected outside the

building ranged from 82.4 to 82.7 degrees Fahrenheit while outside relative humidity ranged from 52.7 to 53.8 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/work place 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

SWG 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 were reported as 12 - 14% which is considered normal by the manufacturer.

Air Monitoring Results

SWG collected one (1) sample from the interior of the room and two (2) samples from the exterior of the building. The microbial samples were analyzed by Steve Moody Micro Services, Inc. (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 found that airborne mold spores in the room were considerably lower and were qualitatively similar to those measured outside of the building at the time the sampling was performed. Total fungal spore concentration within the investigation area was reported as 3,020 counts/m³, while the exterior level ranged from 8,680 to 14,080 counts/m³. Two 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 collected within Room 109 reported *Exserohilum* as 20 counts/m³ while no exterior levels were reported and *Stachybotrys* was reported as 20 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

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

Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on SWG's limited assessment and the analytical results, it appears that the indoor air quality, as it relates to airborne fungi, was within recommended guidelines. However, due to the presence of *Stachybotrys* additional testing may be performed for a higher level of confidence.

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,
Southwest Geoscience



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Corporate Director
Industrial Hygiene Services
Texas Mold Assessment Consultant
Lic. No. MAC0321

Attachments: Analytical Results/Chain of Custody
Mold Services Definitions & Limitations/Standard of Care and Reliance

Analytical Results/Chain of Custody

IAQ Mold Report

Steve Moody Micro Services, LLC

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Summary

DSHS License No.: LAB0117

AIHA EMPAT ID: 102577

Client : Southwest Geoscience - Dallas, TX

Lab Job No. 13F-05772

Project : Independence ES, Room 109

Report Date 05/28/2013 5:59 PM

Project # : 0113H139

Sample Date : 05/28/2013

Sample Type: Spore Trap, Non-cultured

Spore Trap Type: Zefon - Air-O-Cell

Test Method: Mold: ASTM D7391-09 - Standard Profile

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Sample Number	Volume (liters)	Sample Description	Identification	Concentration spores/cubic meter
1	75	Exterior, Southwest	Alternaria	40
			Ascospores	120
			Aspergillus / Penicillium	320
			Basidiospores	3520
			Cercospora	40
			Cladosporium	2360
			Coprinus	400
			Curvularia	80
			Diatrypaceae	320
			Ganoderma	40
			Hyphal / Spore Fragments	800
			Myxomycete / Rust / Smut	560
			Oidium	80
			Total:	8680
2	75	Exterior, Northwest	Alternaria	280
			Ascospores	160
			Aspergillus / Penicillium	680
			Basidiospores	2560
			Cercospora	80
			Cladosporium	4760
			Coprinus	680
			Drechslera / Bipolaris group	160
			Epicoccum	80
			Hyphal / Spore Fragments	1080
			Myxomycete / Rust / Smut	3240
			Oidium	280
			Pithomyces	40
			Total:	14080

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3	150	Room 109 * See Analytical Notes report for further details	Alternaria Ascospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Basidiospores Cladosporium Drechslera / Bipolaris group Exserohilum Hyphal / Spore Fragments Myxomycete / Rust / Smut Pithomyces Stachybotrys <div style="text-align: right;">Total:</div>	100 20 340 420 700 60 20 800 520 20 20 3020

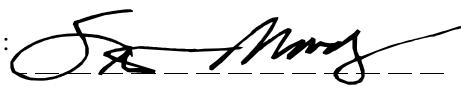
Results may not be reported except in full. Data contained in this test report relates only to the samples tested. This report does not express or imply interpretation of the results contained herein. Interpretation should be made by a qualified professional.

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

Analyst(s): Rebecca Lutz

Lab Director: Steve Moody

Approved Signatory :



Thank you for choosing Steve Moody Micro Services

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Data Detail

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Sample ID:	1			2			3					
Location:	Exterior, Southwest			Exterior, Northwest			Room 109					
Debris Rating:	3			3			5					
Media Expires On:	Feb 2014			Feb 2014			Feb 2014					
Notes Included?:												
Volume:	75			75			150					
	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m ³	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m ³	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m ³			
Alternaria	1	40.00	40	7	40.00	280	5	20.00	100			
Ascospores	3	40.00	120	4	40.00	160	1	20.00	20			
Aspergillus / Penicillium	8	40.00	320	17	40.00	680	17	20.00	340			
Basidiospores	88	40.00	3520	64	40.00	2560	21	20.00	420			
Cercospora	1	40.00	40	2	40.00	80						
Chaetomium												
Cladosporium	59	40.00	2360	119	40.00	4760	35	20.00	700			
Coprinus	10	40.00	400	17	40.00	680						
Curvularia	2	40.00	80									
Diatrypaceae	8	40.00	320									
Drechslera / Bipolaris group				4	40.00	160	3	20.00	60			
Epicoccum				2	40.00	80						
Exserohilum							1	20.00	20			
Ganoderma	1	40.00	40									
Hyphal / Spore Fragments	20	40.00	800	27	40.00	1080	40	20.00	800			
Memnoniella												
Myxomycete / Rust / Smut	14	40.00	560	81	40.00	3240	26	20.00	520			
Oidium	2	40.00	80	7	40.00	280						
Pithomyces				1	40.00	40	1	20.00	20			
Stachybotrys							1	20.00	20			
TOTALS	217		8680	352		14080	151		3020			
Analyst	Rebecca Lutz			Rebecca Lutz			Rebecca Lutz					
Analysis Date	5/28/2013			5/28/2013			5/28/2013					

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.

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

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Samples Analyzed

Sample No: 3 : Room 109

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.

Steve Moody Micro Services 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.



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Chain of Custody

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Call in advance for immediate, after-hour, & weekend pricing & availability.*

Turnaround of Culture Samples subject to Culture Growth**

ASBESTOS PLM

Bulk 1 day 2 day 3 day 5 day Immediate
Analyze All Positive Stop

PCM Air (7400) 1 day 2 day 3 day 5 day Immediate

TOTAL DUST (0500/0600) 1 day 2 day

MOLD

Non-culture (Tape / Bulk / Air) 1 day 2 day Immediate
Air Standard Profile Air Expanded Profile

Analyze Blanks Yes No

Culture (Swab / Bulk / Plate) 7-14 day

OTHER:

Billing Company / City:

Submitter's Company: SWG

Submitter's Name: Clinton S. JELH

Project: Independence ES Room 109

Contact Information: Name: Clinton S. JELH

E-mail Results to: Clint/Darren/Veronika

Invoice Address: Veronica

ASBESTOS TEM

Air AHERA Method 6 hr 12hr 24 hr
Air 7402 (Modified) 1 day 2 day 3 day
Bulk/Wipe/Micro Vac 1 day 2 day 3 day
Water 1 day 2 day 3 day
Analyze Blanks Yes No

BACTERIA

Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) 3 day
HPC + Gram Stain 3 day 5 day
HPC + 3 Gram Neg ID 6-8 day
HPC + 5 Gram Neg ID 6-8 day
Fecal Coliform (MPN) 3 day
Total Coliform & E Coli (P/A) 2-3 day

of Samples: 3

Sample Date: 5/28/2013

Project #: 01134139

Phone #:

Mobile #: (972) 989-1031

Fax #:

P.O. #:

Please review paperwork and samples before submitting to lab. Unsealed / improperly packaged / damaged / expired samples or excessive administrative requests may incur additional fees--

Notes:

Table with 4 columns: Sample #, Sample Description, Vol. / Area if applicable, Location / Notes. Contains 3 rows of sample data and detailed location notes.

Released By: [Signature] Date / Time: 5/28/2013 12:34 Received By: YAB Date / Time: 5-28-13/12:36 PM

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 single-celled naturally occurring biological organisms occurring worldwide. For purposes of this report (and the Texas Mold Assessment & Remediation Rules), 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 SWG’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 in Texas 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, SWG 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). SWG cannot warrant the accuracy of prior or subsequent information/data, reports and services performed by other firms at the Site. SWG assumes no responsibility or liability for errors in information or data provided by or through the client or third party sources. SWG’s services are not to be construed as legal or medical interpretation or advice.

Moisture Intrusion Limitation. SWG 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, SWG will report observed areas of apparent moisture intrusion. SWG does not and will not investigate the cause or causes of such observed moisture intrusion. In the event apparent moisture intrusion is observed, SWG 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.

Texas Licensing Requirements. SWG (and/or its personnel) will render the services set forth in this proposal in the capacity of a Texas licensed Mold Assessor. SWG is not licensed as a Mold Remediation Contractor and does not perform mold remediation. As of January 1, 2005, Texas law has required that Mold Assessors and Mold Remediation Contractors be licensed.

Mold Remediation Certificate. For mold remediation projects (above certain size thresholds), applicable Texas law (i.e., Texas Occupation Code Section 1958.54 and T.A.C. Section 295.397 (the Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules), requires that a "Certificate of Mold Remediation" be issued by the Mold Remediation Contractor upon successful completion of the project. This certificate must be provided to property owners no later than the 10th day after the date on which the mold remediation is completed at a property. The Mold Remediation Certificate issued by the Mold Remediation Contractor must include a certification by the Mold Assessor that the mold remediation project has been successfully completed in accordance with the mold remediation protocol.

Be advised that SWG's issuance of a Mold Remediation Certificate upon successful completion of a Mold Remediation project does not mean, warrant or otherwise guarantee that mold will not be subsequently found in any portion of the Investigation Area or the Site. In the event that SWG is engaged to render services in connection with a mold remediation project, SWG will require *Client to provide to SWG a signed certificate prepared by Client's moisture intrusion specialist or appropriate contractor stating that all sources of moisture which resulted in the presence of mold in the Investigation Area have been fully remediated and corrected.*

Standard of Care

SWG 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

SWG'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 SWG 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, SWG 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 SWG.
