

DATE: October 9, 2013

TO: Lisa Lingren, Principal

SUBJECT: Downing MS - IAQ - Air Testing and substance sampling - Gym 1, Gym 2
and Outside brick on North side of Gym

On Monday AM, October 7, I received the information about concerns of substance on the outside brick, of the Gym. That same Monday 10/7, I inspected the area. I have requested a P.O., to Air Test both Gyms, and have a sample taken of the substance on the outside of the North side brick wall, of the Gym. We should get the results back next week. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,
Paul

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

DATE: 11/06/13

TO: Lisa Lingren, Principal

SUBJECT: Downing MS - IAQ - Chemical Test - Outside brick on Gym

On Friday 10/25, Southwest GeoScience took a sample of the white substance on the brick, on the outside of the Gym. Attached is the letter of acceptance for the sample, and the Material Analysis sheet from Cates Laboratories. In Summary: "*The white substance is water with calcium carbonate in the irrigation water*".

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

Paul

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DATE: November 13, 2013

TO: Lisa Lingren, Principal

SUBJECT: Downing MS - IAQ - Air Test results - Gym 1 & Gym 2

On Friday 10/25, SWG Air tested Gym 1 & Gym 2. 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 the Gym 1, was **2.8%**, Gym 2, was **0.6%** 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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November 4, 2013

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

Re: Limited Mold Assessment Services
Downing Middle School
Gym 1 and Gym 2
5555 Bridlewood Boulevard
Flower Mound, Texas
SWG Project No. 0113H248

Introduction

Southwest Geoscience (SWG) conducted limited mold assessment activities for the Lewisville Independent School District (Lewisville I.S.D.) within Downing Middle School located at 5555 Bridlewood Boulevard 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 Consultant (License #MAT1075), on October 25, 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 Gym 1 and Gym 2. 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. 0113H1358 dated October 9, 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.

Material Identification: SWG collected a sample of building material for identification analysis.

Site Reconnaissance Observations/Findings and Recommendations

SWG's Mold Assessment Site reconnaissance was performed on October 25, 2013 by Mr. Clinton S. Jech. SWG's visual reconnaissance of the Investigation areas revealed the following:

Temperature and Relative Humidity

Temperature readings collected inside the investigation areas on October 25, 2013 ranged from 70.0 to 71.6 degrees Fahrenheit while relative humidity ranged from 43.3 to 48.3 percent.

Temperature readings collected outside the building ranged from 72.3 to 75.0 degrees Fahrenheit while outside relative humidity ranged from 22.7 to 26.9 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 |

Air Monitoring Results

SWG collected two (2) samples from the interior of the building 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.

Gym 1

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 780 counts/m³, while the exterior level ranged from 22,780 to 27,693 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 the room reported *Exserohilum* as 20 counts/m³ and *Spegazzinia* was reported as 40 counts/m³ while no exterior levels were reported.

Gym 2

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 180 counts/m³, while the exterior level ranged from 22,780 to 27,693 counts/m³.

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.

Material identification

SWG collected a sample of exterior building material that has effervesced from the exterior wall. The material was identified as a very common mineral, calcite, which is very stable and inert. It is the fundamental material for many commercial building materials, including masonry, cements, mortars, surfacing materials (interior finishes), flooring and many others. Calcite precipitation is commonly associated with calcite-rich materials such as masonry, cements and mortars.

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.

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



Darren G. Bowden
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
 2051 Valley View Lane
 Farmers Branch, TX 75234 Phone: (972) 241-8460

Summary

DSHS License No.: LAB0117
 AIHA EMPAT ID: 102577

Client : Southwest Geoscience - Dallas, TX **Lab Job No.** 13F-11822
Project : Downing MS, Gym 1 and Gym 2 **Report Date** 10/29/2013 11:32 AM
Project # : 0113H248 **Sample Date :** 10/25/2013
Sample Type: Spore Trap, Non-cultured **Spore Trap Type:** Zefon - Air-O-Cell
Test Method: Mold: ASTM D7391-09 - Standard Profile Page 1 of 3

On 10/25/2013, four (4) samples were submitted by Clint Jech of Southwest Geoscience - Dallas, TX (located at 2351 W NW Hwy #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 | Concentration spores/cubic meter |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 150 | Gym 1 | Alternaria | 20 |
| | | | Aspergillus / Penicillium | 20 |
| | | | Basidiospores | 160 |
| | | | Cladosporium | 60 |
| | | | Curvularia | 60 |
| | | | Drechslera / Bipolaris group | 100 |
| | | | Exserohilum | 20 |
| | | | Hyphal / Spore Fragments | 240 |
| | | | Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut | 60 |
| | | | Spegazzinia | 40 |
| | | | Total: | 780 |
| 2 | 150 | Gym 2 | Basidiospores | 140 |
| | | | Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut | 40 |
| | | | Total: | 180 |

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| Sample Number | Volume (liters) | Sample Description | Identification | Concentration spores/cubic meter |
|---------------|-----------------|--|---|---|
| 3 | 75 | Exterior, Northwest * See Analytical Notes report for further details | Agaricus / Agrocybe Alternaria Ascospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Basidiospores Cladosporium Coprinus Curvularia Drechslera / Bipolaris group Epicoccum Fusarium Ganoderma Hyphal / Spore Fragments Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Pithomyces <div style="text-align: right;">Total:</div> | 440 120 480 4080 16933 1920 480 160 160 80 80 40 960 1720 40 27693 |

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| 4 | 75 | Exterior * See Analytical Notes report for further details | Agaricus / Agrocybe Alternaria Ascospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Basidiospores Cladosporium Coprinus Curvularia Drechslera / Bipolaris group Epicoccum Fusarium Ganoderma Hyphal / Spore Fragments Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Nigrospora Torula <div style="text-align: right;">Total:</div> | 200 360 880 1000 14300 2720 400 40 80 40 40 40 1480 1080 80 40 22780 |

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: Bruce Crabb

Approved Signatory :



Thank you for choosing Steve Moody Micro Services

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| Sample ID: | 1 | | | 2 | | | 3 | | | 4 | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Location: | Gym 1 | | | Gym 2 | | | Exterior, Northwest | | | Exterior | | |
| Debris Rating: | 4 | | | 3 | | | 5 | | | 5 | | |
| Media Expires On: | Feb 2014 | | | Feb 2014 | | | Feb 2014 | | | Feb 2014 | | |
| Notes Included?: | | | | | | | See Analytical Notes | | | See Analytical Notes | | |
| Volume: | 150 | | | 150 | | | 75 | | | 75 | | |
| | raw ct. | MDL | spores/m ³ | raw ct. | MDL | spores/m ³ | raw ct. | MDL | spores/m ³ | raw ct. | MDL | spores/m ³ |
| Agaricus / Agrocybe | | | | | | | 11 | 40.00 | 440 | 5 | 40.00 | 200 |
| Alternaria | 1 | 20.00 | 20 | | | | 3 | 40.00 | 120 | 9 | 40.00 | 360 |
| Ascospores | | | | | | | 12 | 40.00 | 480 | 22 | 40.00 | 880 |
| Aspergillus / Penicillium | 1 | 20.00 | 20 | | | | 102 | 40.00 | 4080 | 25 | 40.00 | 1000 |
| Basidiospores | 8 | 20.00 | 160 | 7 | 20.00 | 140 | 127 | 133.33 | 16933 | 143 | 100.00 | 14300 |
| Chaetomium | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cladosporium | 3 | 20.00 | 60 | | | | 48 | 40.00 | 1920 | 68 | 40.00 | 2720 |
| Coprinus | | | | | | | 12 | 40.00 | 480 | 10 | 40.00 | 400 |
| Curvularia | 3 | 20.00 | 60 | | | | 4 | 40.00 | 160 | 1 | 40.00 | 40 |
| Drechslera / Bipolaris group | 5 | 20.00 | 100 | | | | 4 | 40.00 | 160 | 2 | 40.00 | 80 |
| Epicoccum | | | | | | | 2 | 40.00 | 80 | 1 | 40.00 | 40 |
| Exserohilum | 1 | 20.00 | 20 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fusarium | | | | | | | 2 | 40.00 | 80 | 1 | 40.00 | 40 |
| Ganoderma | | | | | | | 1 | 40.00 | 40 | 1 | 40.00 | 40 |
| Hyphal / Spore Fragments | 12 | 20.00 | 240 | | | | 24 | 40.00 | 960 | 37 | 40.00 | 1480 |
| Memnoniella | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut | 3 | 20.00 | 60 | 2 | 20.00 | 40 | 43 | 40.00 | 1720 | 27 | 40.00 | 1080 |
| Nigrospora | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 40.00 | 80 |
| Pithomyces | | | | | | | 1 | 40.00 | 40 | | | |
| Spegazzinia | 2 | 20.00 | 40 | | | | | | | | | |
| Stachybotrys | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Torula | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 40.00 | 40 |
| TOTALS | 39 | | 780 | 9 | | 180 | 396 | | 27693 | 355 | | 22780 |
| Analyst | Rebecca Lutz | | | Rebecca Lutz | | | Rebecca Lutz | | | Rebecca Lutz | | |
| Analysis Date | 10/29/2013 | | | 10/29/2013 | | | 10/29/2013 | | | 10/29/2013 | | |

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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 : Exterior, Northwest

Notes: 30% Occluded. Due to a high presence of Basidiospores, the Minimum Detection Limit is 133 spores / cubic meter for this fungal group. When comparing results to other samples, use calculated results, not raw numbers.

Sample No: 4 : Exterior

Notes: 30% Occluded. Due to a high presence of Basidiospores, the Minimum Detection Limit is 100 spores / cubic meter for this fungal group. When comparing results to other samples, use calculated results, not raw numbers.

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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Lab Job # 13F-11822 Acc: 4
 Lab Job # _____
 Lab Job # _____

Please 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: _____

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

Billing Company / City: SWG
 Submitter's Company: Downing MS Gym 1 + Gym 2
 Submitter's Name: Clinton S. Jech
 Project: _____
 Contact Information: Name: Clinton S. Jech
 E-mail Results to: Clint/Darren/Veronica
 Invoice Address: Veronica

of Samples: 4
 Sample Date: 10/25/2013
 Project #: 0113H248
 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: _____

| Sample # | Sample Description | Vol. / Area if applicable | Location / Notes |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Gym 1 | 150 | T=71.6° H=48.3°/10 Cms Walls Wood Floor Metal Ceiling |
| 2 | Gym 2 | 150 | T=70.0° H=43.3° |
| 3 | Exterior Northwest | 75 | T=75.0° H=22.7° |
| 4 | Exterior | 75 | T=72.3° H=26.9° |
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| Released By: _____ | Date / Time: _____ | Received By: _____ | Date / Time: _____ |

Cates Laboratories

November 6, 2013

Southwest Geoscience
2351 W. Northwest Highway
Suite 3321
Dallas, Texas 75220

Attention: Darren Bowden

**Subject: Downing Middle School - Material Characterization
Southwest Geoscience Project No. 0113H248
CatesLab Project No. MISC-07208**

Dear Mr. Bowden:

Cates Laboratories, Inc. (CatesLab) has completed the analysis of the bulk sample delivered to us on October 25, 2013 for the subject project. The sample was examined utilizing the stereo microscope under reflected light, and the polarized light microscope (PLM) was utilized to examine the sample in grain mounts. The results are detailed in the attached report.

Cates Laboratories (CatesLab) has performed the analysis using accepted industry-standard practices. We can take no responsibility for locations sampled or sampling techniques.

CatesLab appreciates the opportunity to serve as your testing laboratory. If you have any questions or if we may be of further service to you, please call.

Sincerely,

CATES LABORATORIES, INC.



John R. Cates, P.G.
President
Laboratory Director

Attachments

MATERIAL ANALYSIS

DOWNING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bulk Sample (CL286916) - Brick Material, White (material characterization)

The sample generally consisted of small flakes and unconsolidated grains of white to off white-colored material from a brick surface. The sample material was generally homogeneous and exhibited moderate friability. The material appears to be calcium carbonate precipitate, CaCO₃, based on HCl effervescence (high), HCl dissolution (complete), water solubility (none) coupled with microscopic examination (identification of crystalline material).

In summary, the material is a very common mineral, calcite, which is very stable and inert. It is the fundamental material for many commercial building materials, including masonry, cements, mortars, surfacing materials (interior finishes), flooring and many others. Calcite precipitation is commonly associated with calcite-rich materials such as masonry, cements and mortars.

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.
