

**DATE:** November 19, 2013

**TO:** Patricia Cheatham, Principal

**SUBJECT:** Bluebonnet ES - IAQ - Air Test - Room 406

On several occasions (11/11, 11/12, 11/19), I have tested the CO2, and the concern for a musty smell. Jr. Demming, HVAC, has adjusted the fresh air flow dampers, and went on the roof and cleaned the evaporator coil on the ac unit. I am submitting a P.O. request today, to Air Test Room 406, by the end of the week. I should have the results back by early 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: November 25, 2013

**TO:** Patricia Cheatham, Principal

**SUBJECT:** Vickery ES - IAQ - Air Test Results - Room 406

On Wednesday 11/20, SWG Air tested the Room 406. 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 Room 406, was **16.6**% of the outdoor levels. Utilizing this theory, the indoor concentrations are 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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Re: Limited Mold Assessment Services

Vickery Elementary School

Room 406

3301 Wager Road Flower Mound, Texas LISD PO# P250681

SWG Project No. 0113H283

#### Introduction

Southwest Geoscience (SWG) conducted limited mold assessment activities for the Lewisville Independent School District (Lewisville I.S.D.) within Vickery Elementary School located at 3301 Wager 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 (License #MAT1075), on November 20, 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 406. 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. 0113H1415 dated November 19, 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 November 20, 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 November 20, 2013 was reported as 70.7 degrees Fahrenheit while relative humidity reported as 30.7 percent.



Temperature readings collected outside the building ranged from 66.5 to 70.1 degrees Fahrenheit while outside relative humidity ranged from 25.0 to 31.0 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 investigations areas were reported as 8-9% which is considered normal by the manufacture.

### Air Monitoring Results

SWG collected one (1) sample 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

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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 4,120 counts/m³, while the exterior levels ranged from 14,640 to 24,760 counts/m³.

Three (3) types of mold were identified at a higher concentration within the investigation area as compared to the samples collected from the exterior of the building. Air sample(s) collected within the room reported Curvularia as 180 counts/m³ and Pithomyces as 40 counts/m³ while no exterior levels were reported. Drechslera/Bipolaris Group was reported as 200 counts/m³ while exterior levels were reported as 40 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

No visible mold was observed 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.

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

Steve Moody Micro Services, LLC

2051 Valley View Lane

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AIHA EMPAT ID: 102577

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

Client: Southwest Geoscience - Dallas, TX Lab Job No. 13F-12825

**Project:** Vickery ES, Room 406 **Report Date** 11/22/2013 10:49 AM

**Project #:** 0113H283 **Sample Date :** 11/20/2013

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

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

On 11/20/13, three (3) 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	1 75 Exterior, Northeast		Agaricus / Agrocybe	600
			Alternaria	80
			Ascospores	400
			Aspergillus / Penicillium	1400
			Basidiospores	7400
			Cladosporium	2720
			Coprinus	160
			Fusarium	40
			Ganoderma	560
			Hyphal / Spore Fragments	840
			Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	400
			Stachybotrys	40
			Total:	14640
2	75	Exterior, Southeast	Agaricus / Agrocybe	400
			Alternaria	200
			Ascospores	520
			Aspergillus / Penicillium	2040
			Basidiospores	11000
			Cladosporium	7440
			Coprinus	320
			Drechslera / Bipolaris group	40
			Epicoccum	40
			Ganoderma	640
			Hyphal / Spore Fragments	1400
			Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	720
			Total:	24760

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3	150	Room 406 * See Analytical Notes report for further details	Alternaria Ascospores Aspergillus / Penicillium Basidiospores Cladosporium Coprinus Curvularia Drechslera / Bipolaris group Ganoderma Hyphal / Spore Fragments	260 100 380 1420 340 40 180 200 20 640 500
			Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut Pithomyces	40
			Total:	4120

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): Rob Greene

Approved Signatory: Bune Sull Lab Director: Bruce Crabb

Thank you for choosing Steve Moody Micro Services

Steve Moody Micro Services, LLC

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Sample ID:	1		2		3						
Location:	Exterior, Northeast		Exterior, Southeast		Room 406						
Debris Rating:	3		3		5						
Media Expires On:	Apr 2014			Apr 2014		Apr 2014					
Notes Included?:											
Volume:		75		75		150					
	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³	raw ct.	MDL	spores/m³		
Agaricus / Agrocybe	15	40.00	600	10	40.00	400					
Alternaria	2	40.00	80	5	40.00	200	13	20.00	260		
Ascospores	10	40.00	400	13	40.00	520	5	20.00	100		
Aspergillus / Penicillium	35	40.00	1400	51	40.00	2040	19	20.00	380		
Basidiospores	185	40.00	7400	275	40.00	11000	71	20.00	1420		
Chaetomium											
Cladosporium	68	40.00	2720	186	40.00	7440	17	20.00	340		
Coprinus	4	40.00	160	8	40.00	320	2	20.00	40		
Curvularia							9	20.00	180		
Drechslera / Bipolaris group				1	40.00	40	10	20.00	200		
Epicoccum				1	40.00	40					
Fusarium	1	40.00	40								
Ganoderma	14	40.00	560	16	40.00	640	1	20.00	20		
Hyphal / Spore Fragments	21	40.00	840	35	40.00	1400	32	20.00	640		
Memnoniella											
Myxomycete / Periconia / Rust / Smut	10	40.00	400	18	40.00	720	25	20.00	500		
Pithomyces							2	20.00	40		
Stachybotrys	1	40.00	40								
TOTALS	366		14640	619		24760	206		4120		
Analyst		Rob Gr	eene	Rob Greene		Rob Greene					
Analysis Date		11/22	/13		11/22	/13		11/22	/13		

#### **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 406 Notes: 40% Occluded.

### Field Blanks

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

## NOTE: All remaining samples suitable for analysis.

### **Methods**

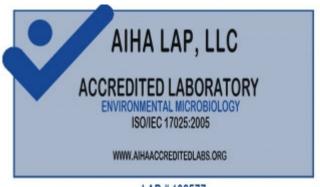
Method: ASTM D7391-09: Categorization and Quantification of Airborne Fungal Structures in an Inertial Impaction Sample by Optical Microscopy.

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.

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"Please call in advance for immediate, after-hour, & weekend pricing & availability.\* \*\*Turnaround of Culture Samples subject to Culture Growth\*\* ASBESTOS TEM ASBESTOS PLM □24 hr Air AHERA Method ☐ 6 hr □12hr 1 day 2 day 3 day 5 day Immediate Bulk 2 day □3 day 1 day Air 7402 (Modified) ☐ Positive Stop Analyze All 2 day ☐3 day Bulk/Wipe/Micro Vac 1 day ☐2 day ☐3 day □1 day ☐ 1 day ☐ 2 day ☐ 3 day ☐ 5 day ☐ Immediate Water PCM Air (7400) No ☐ Yes Analyze Blanks TOTAL DUST (0500/0600) ☐ 1 day ☐ 2 day **BACTERIA** Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) 3 day ☐ Immediate Non-culture (Tape / Bulk (Air) 1 day 🔀 2 day ☐3 day ☐5 day HPC + Gram Stain Air Standard Profile ☐ Air Expanded Profile ☐6-8 day HPC + 3 Gram Neg ID ☐ No Analyze Blanks ☐ Yes HPC + 5 Gram Neg ID ☐ 6-8 day Culture (Swab / Bulk / Plate) 7-14 day Fecal Coliform (MPN) 3 day Total Coliform & E Coli (P/A) 2-3 day OTHER: # of Samples: 3 Billing Company / City: SWG Dallas Sample Date: 11/20/2013 Submitter's Company: Project #: 013H283 Submitter's Name: Clinton S. JECh Project: Vickery ES Room 406
Contact Information: Name: Clinton S. Jech Phone #: Mobile #: (972) 989-1431 E-mail Results to: Clint/Durcen /Vecanice P.O. #: Invoice Address: Vernica Please review paperwork and samples before submitting to Tab. Unsealed / improperly packaged / damaged / expired samples or excessive administrative requests may incur additional fees-Notes: Vol. / Area Location / Notes Sample Description Sample # if applicable Ta 66.5 " H= 31.0 % 75 Exterior Northeast T= 70.1° H= 25.0% 7-5 Exterior Southeast 2 T= 70.7 "H= 30.7 1/2 M=8-9 1/2 150 3 Room 406 Ceilings - Ceiling Tire Walls = Drywell Joors = Carpet Bloom Tile Must oder i Classico Date / Time: Released By Date / Time: Received By: 11-20-13 1/20/2013 Received BV



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 (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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.