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Mobile District Safety and Occupational Health Office
MOLD EVALUATION

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The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (yellow book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the requirements for mold evaluation as stated below.

06.K.03 Mold Evaluation. Because mold can contribute to health problems ranging from minor irritation to serious debilitation if found in high quantities or improper locations, a mold assessment shall be performed when need is indicated.

a. Assessments/remediation shall be overseen by a person experienced in understanding both the properties of mold behaviors and building design or construction. This person may be an industrial hygienist, microbiologist, or a qualified mold inspector who has been certified by an independent IAQ certifying agency and/or who can demonstrate training and experience in the IAQ investigative field. Some states, local authorities and host nations also require this person to be licensed.

b. Assessment of potential mold hazards shall first be visual and based on criteria in the USACHPPM, TG 278, Industrial Hygiene Preventive Medicine Mold Assessment Guide, the EPA Indoor Air Quality Checklists, and guidance from AIHA. Bulk and/or air samples are generally not necessary to evaluate mold hazardous environments. In climates with high humidity, it may be necessary to perform both qualitative and quantitative air samples of indoor and outdoor locations in order to determine the extent of the impact on the building and to set a pre-remediation baseline.

c. Causes of mold (i.e., water leakages, seepages, drainage, HVAC/ insulation repaired, etc.) shall be addressed before completing mold remediation.

