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Mold in Commercial Buildings

Seminar Purpose And Background

In the 70's it was asbestos; in the 80's it was carpeting; in the 90's environmental tobacco smoke was the major cause of indoor air quality problems. Today the indoor pollutant "du jour" causing anxiety and grief for owners, managers, and occupants of modern buildings is unquestionably mold. The catalyst for all this concern of course is the media, which on what seems like a daily basis warns the public about the dangers of "toxic mold."

The media coined the now familiar term "toxic mold" back in 1995 following a study by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding an incident in Cleveland, Ohio. During that incident several small children in a building suffered pulmonary hemorrhaging, one eventually died, and a fungus known as *Stachybotrys chartarum* was implicated as the probable cause. But four years later the CDC retracted their findings, admitting errors in the study and determined that the evidence blaming *Stachybotrys* was inconclusive. But the genie was out of the bottle: the American media and legal community had already seized upon "toxic mold" as a fresh environmental topic for exploitation and the stigma sticks to this day.

So just how dangerous is mold to our indoor environment? This one-hour workshop will separate fact from fiction regarding mold and its correct place within the growing field of indoor air quality. Scientific, medical, managerial, and regulatory aspects of mold will all be covered.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who owns, manages, designs, builds, insures, or spends time in a modern building will find this workshop a must-see in order to understand mold and put it in its proper perspective.

Seminar Benefits

- Learn how to protect valuable assets
- Enhance tenant/employee relationships
- Reduce absenteeism/Raise productivity
- Liability protection
- Improve building operations
- More satisfied clients

Summary Outline

- Biology of mold
- Problems caused by mold
- Sources of mold in buildings
- Identification of mold
- Remediation of mold
- Control & prevention of mold
- Litigation & Regulation of mold

Seminar Instructor

Richard M. Silberman is the Manager of Business Development for Healthy Buildings International, Inc. (HBI), a Fairfax, Virginia-based environmental consulting firm specializing in the study of indoor air quality (IAQ) in commercial buildings. Since 1980, HBI has performed onsite IAQ investigations in over 3,500 major buildings worldwide. HBI has also pioneered the concept of proactive IAQ monitoring programs, currently enjoyed by scores of organizations across the United States. With over 17 years experience in the field of environmental consulting, Silberman's responsibilities for HBI include business development, project management, technical writing, and public speaking.

Silberman holds a B.S. degree in Mathematics from The State University of New York at Albany and a M.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Energy, Resources, and the Environment from The George Washington University. He is also the Chairman of the Healthy Building Committee for the Architectural Engineering Institute, as well as a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA).

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