

# **Discovery Environmental Inspection Report**

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# **Property Location**

501 Watkins Park Drive, Largo, MD 20774

Date of Inspection 4/30/2019



**Prepared By: Bryan Harrington** 

Certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE)

Dear Mr. Baylor,

The results of the inspection and testing performed Perrywood Elementary School, which is located at 501 Watkins Park Drive, Largo, MD 20774, are concluded and the findings are enclosed. I want to thank you for allowing ESI the opportunity to service your indoor environmental needs. Included in this report are the observations, lab results, and recommendation from ESI's 4/30/2019 inspection and testing.

## **Background Information**

The Prince George's County Public School Environmental Team has taken a proactive approach in cleaning the above-mentioned school to ensure there are no health or environmental risks related to microbial hazards. Historically elevated levels of humidity, condensation from pipes, periodic steam leaks, and outdated HVAC systems may have contributed to water damage ceiling tiles and colonization of mold spores in various areas of the school.

## **Purpose**

ESI was engaged to inspect the school in a random sufficient manner. Classrooms, administration offices and common area building materials and contents, will be visual inspected for water damage and microbial growth.

In each location inspected, the indoor air quality will be tested for elevated levels of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide, in addition to measuring the relative humidity and temperature. Microbial hazards within the breathable airspace will also be tested.

Based upon the visual assessment, instrument readings and lab results, ESI will determine if additional remediation in required.

## **Observations and instrument readings**

The following table is designed for this project. Some of the fields may not be filled in due to not being applicable during the time of the inspection. You will notice either a '**YES**' or 'NO' in the table. '**YES**' indicates that mold and/or water damage was detected and 'NO' indicates it was not. If '**YES**' is noted, remediation recommendation will be included for the area inspected.

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	CO	Cubic f	eet of air.				
	Sample #			_								
<b>Room 218</b>	2441717	N/A	48.3%	74.8	801	001	8,312					
Inspected												
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Sinks				
Tiles		Desks	Desks Shelving Diffusors									
2x4'	Drywall	1	0	12	3	0	4 2					
YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO NO					
			Obse	rvation N	lotes							
• There	e were 3-4 w	ater damage	d ceiling tiles	s within th	nis location.							
• The i	ndoor air qu	ality should	not pose envi	ironmenta	l or exposu	re risks at the	ese levels. Th	ne total				
spore	count was 0	) Count/ $M^3$ a	nd no elevate	ed levels of	of Carbon n	nonoxide (00	1 ppm) or Ca	arbon				
dioxi	de (801) wei	e detected.					/					
			Reco	mmendat	tions							
Remo	ove the water	r damaged c	eiling tiles an	d place ir	n a contracte	or's bag for p	roper dispos	al. Replace				

• Remove the water damaged ceiling tiles and place in a contractor's bag for proper disposal. Replace as needed.

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	CO	Cubic f	eet of air.			
	Sample #										
<b>Room 169</b>	2441738	NO	46.6%	81.3	744	001	8,	084			
Inspected											
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Windows			
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors				
2x4'	Drywall	1	0	0	0	4	2				
YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO			
			Obse	rvation N	lotes						

- There were 5 water damaged ceiling tiles within this location.
- There was a loose section of vinyl base cove to the right of the Storage Room (233) door. There was suspected mold growth on the drywall, behind the vinyl base cove.
- The indoor air quality should not pose environmental or exposure risks at these levels. The total spore count was 1,520 Count/M<sup>3</sup> and no elevated levels of Carbon monoxide (001 ppm) or Carbon dioxide (744) were detected.
- The prominent genus detected, Cladosporium species, is the most common identified outdoor fungus. The levels detected in Room 169 may be indicative of air exchange with the outdoor air.

#### Recommendations

- Remove the wallboard 12 inches up from the floor along the wall right of the Storage Room (233) door.
- Remove the water damaged ceiling tiles and place in a contractor's bag for proper disposal. Replace as needed.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	СО	Cubic f	eet of air.			
<b>Room 106</b>	2441737	N/A	50.4%	79.3	937	000	10,159				
			1	Inspected							
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Sinks			
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors				
2x4'	Drywall	1	3	13	7	1	2	1			
YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO NO				
			Obse	rvation N	lotes						
• There	e were 3 wate	er damaged	ceiling tiles v	vithin this	location.						
• The i	ndoor air qu	ality should	not pose envi	ironmenta	l or exposu	re risks at the	ese levels. Th	ne total			
						on monoxide					
-	de (744) wer						× 11 /				
• The p	prominent ge	nus detected	l, Cladospori	um specie	es, is the mo	ost common i	dentified out	door fungus.			

The levels detected in Room 106 may be indicative of air exchange with the outdoor air.

## Recommendations

• Remove the water damaged ceiling tiles and place in a contractor's bag for proper disposal. Replace as needed.

Location	IAQ Sample #	Swab	R/H	Тетр	CO2	CO	Cubic fo	eet of air.	
Room 162	2441744	N/A	56.5%	73.7	835	000	7,932		
			]	Inspected					
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Sinks	
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors		
2x4'	CMU and drywall	1	24	2	11	1	2	1	
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
			Obse	rvation N	lotes				

• There were no signs of visible mold growth in this location.

• The indoor air quality should not pose environmental or exposure risks at these levels. The total spore count was 360 Count/M<sup>3</sup> and no elevated levels of Carbon monoxide (001 ppm) or Carbon dioxide (744) were detected.

 Recommendations

 NONE

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	CO	Cubic f	eet of air.			
	Sample #										
Room 142	2441729	N/A	57.7%	74.1	853	000	8,214				
			Ι	inspected							
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Sinks			
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors				
2x4'	Drywall	1	27	3	8	1	2 1				
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO NO				
			Obse	rvation N	lotes						
• There	e were no sig	ns of visible	mold growt	h in this lo	ocation.						
• The i	ndoor air qu	ality should	not pose envi	ironmenta	l or exposu	re risks at the	ese levels. Th	ne total			
spore	count was 4	0 Count/M <sup>3</sup>	and no eleva	ted levels	of Carbon	monoxide (0	00 ppm) or C	Carbon			
dioxi	de (853) wei	e detected.				· ·	/				
			Reco	mmendat	tions						
NONE											

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	СО	Cubic f	eet of air.			
	Sample #										
<b>Room 113</b>	2441735	N/A	55.3%	73.5	866	000	8,538				
Inspected											
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Sinks			
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors				
2x4'	CMU	1	4	8	7	1	2	1			
YES	NO	NO NO NO NO NO						NO			
Observation Notes											
• There	e was 1 wate	r damaged c	eiling tile alo	ong the ex	terior wall.						
• There	e were no sig	ns of visible	e mold growt	h in this l	ocation.						
	-	•			-	re risks at the 1 monoxide (					

spore count was 200 Count/M<sup>3</sup> and no elevated levels of Carbon monoxide (000 ppm) or Carbon dioxide (866) were detected. **Recommendations** 

• Remove the water damaged ceiling tile and place in a contractor's bag for proper disposal. Replace as needed.

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	CO	Cubic f	eet of air.			
	Sample #										
Room 135	2441743	N/A	53.5%	74.8	862	000	8,012				
			I	inspected							
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Sinks			
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors				
2x4'	Drywall	1	28	3	9	1	2	1			
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO NO				
			Obse	rvation N	lotes						
• There	e were no sig	gns of visible	mold growt	h in this lo	ocation.						
• The i	ndoor air qu	ality should	not pose envi	ironmenta	l or exposu	re risks at the	ese levels. Th	ne total			
spore	count was 1	20 Count/M	$^3$ and no elev	ated level	ls of Carboi	n monoxide (	000 ppm) or	Carbon			
-	de (862) wei					,					
			Reco	mmendat	tions						
NONE											

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	CO	Cubic f	eet of air.				
	Sample #											
<b>Room 150</b>	2441736	YES	48.7%	74.4	745	000	6,356					
Inspected												
Ceiling	Walls	Teacher	Student	Tables	Cabinets	Convector	HVAC	Windows				
Tiles		Desks	Desks		Shelving		Diffusors					
2x4' Drywall 0 1 1 16 1 2 7												
YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO				
			Obse	rvation N	lotes							

- There were 4 water damaged ceiling tiles within this location.
- There was suspected mold growth on the underside of the "U-shaped" table. A surface swab sample was collected and "Moderate" Cladosporium species was identified on the underside of the table.
- The indoor air quality should not pose environmental or exposure risks at these levels. The total spore count was 80 Count/M<sup>3</sup> and no elevated levels of Carbon monoxide (000 ppm) or Carbon dioxide (745) were detected.

## Recommendations

- Remove the water damaged ceiling tiles and place in a contractor's bag for proper disposal. Replace as needed.
- HEPA vacuum the underside of the "U-shaped" table to remove surface growth. Then damp-wipe the underside of the table with ShockWave or equivalent.

Location	IAQ	Swab	R/H	Temp	CO2	CO	Cubic feet of air.				
	Sample #										
Outdoors	2441707	N/A	40.1%	86.2	665	000	N/A				
Observation Notes											
• The total spore count was 1,400 Count/M <sup>3</sup> and the prominent genera were Cladosporium (600											
Count/M <sup>3</sup> ), Ascospores (360 Count/M <sup>3</sup> ), Basidiospores (280 Count/M <sup>3</sup> ), and Aspergillus/Penicillium											
(120	$(120 \text{ Count/M}^3).$										

## **Interpretation of Lab Results**

In the enclosed Air Cassette Analysis report, you will notice Fungal Identification, which is the genera detected in the breathable airspace, both indoors and/or outdoors (control sample). The Raw Count is the actual number of spores counted on the slide, and the Count/M<sup>3</sup> are the spores per cubic meter of air. The Other particles are non-living particles such as dander, mycelial fragments, pollens, etc...

In order for humans to be exposed indoors, fungal spores, fragments, or metabolites must be released into the air and inhaled, physically contacted (dermal exposure), or ingested. Whether symptoms develop in people exposed to fungi depends on the nature of the fungal material (e.g., allergenic, toxic, or infectious), the amount of exposure, and the susceptibility of exposed persons.

Susceptibility varies with genetic predisposition (e.g., allergic reactions do not always occur in all individuals), age, state of health, and concurrent exposures.

## Air Sampling Lab Results



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SanAir ID Number	190	021186-001		190	21186-002		19021186-003			19021186-004		
Analysis Using STL		107C		107C			107C			107C		
Sample Number		2441717			2441738			2441737		2441744		
Sample Identification	F	Room 218		Room 169			R	oom 106		R	loom 162	
Sample Type	Air Cas	sette - Micro-5		Air Cassette - Micro-5			Air Cas	sette - Micro-5		Air Cas	sette - Micro-5	
Volume		25 Liters			25 Liters			25 Liters			25 Liters	
Analytical Sensitivity		Count/M <sup>3</sup>			Count/M <sup>3</sup>			Count/M <sup>3</sup>			Count/M <sup>3</sup>	
Background Density		1+			1+			1+			2	
Other	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	4
Dander	13	520	n/a	34	1360	n/a	15	600	n/a	44	1760	n
Fibers	1	40	n/a	1	40	n/a	5	200	n/a	2	80	n
Mycelial Fragments												
Pollen				1	40	n/a						
Fungal Identification	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	9
Alternaria species							1	40	3			
Ascospores												
Aspergillus/Penicillium	-			3	120	8				3	120	3
Basidiospores				1	40	3	2	80	7			
Bispora like				33	40 1320	3 87	25	1000	86	6	240	(
Cladosporium species Polythrincium species				33	1320	67	25	40	3	6	240	e
Smuts/Myxomycetes	-						1	40	3			
Smutshviykomydeles	-			38	1520		29	1160		9	360	

**Air Cassette Analysis** 

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SanAir ID Number	190	21186-005		190	19021186-006			21186-007		19021186-008		
Analysis Using STL		107C		107C			107C			107C		
Sample Number		2441729			2441735			2441743		2441736		
Sample Identification	R	loom 142	Room 113			F	toom 135		F	loom 150		
Sample Type	Air Cas	sette - Micro-5		Air Cassette - Micro-5			Air Cas	sette - Micro-5		Air Cas	sette - Micro-5	
Volume		25 Liters		25 Liters				25 Liters			25 Liters	
Analytical Sensitivity	40	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	40	40 Count/M <sup>3</sup>			Count/M <sup>3</sup>		40	Count/M <sup>3</sup>		
Background Density		1+			1+			1+		1+		
Other	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%
Dander	32	1280	n/a	11	440	n/a	22	880	n/a	13	520	n/a
Fibers				1	40	n/a	1000			1	40	n/a
Mycelial Fragments							1	40	n/a			
Pollen												
Fungal Identification	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%
Alternaria species												
Ascospores												
Aspergillus/Penicillium				1	40	20						
Basidiospores							1	40	33			
Bispora like										1000		
Cladosporium species	1	40	>99	4	160	80	2	80	67	2	80	>99
Polythrincium species												
Smuts/Myxomycetes											101000	
TOTAL	1	40		5	200		3	120		2	80	

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#### Air Cassette Analysis

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				ND = None Detected. Blank spaces indicate no spores detected.
SanAir ID Number	19021186-009			
Analysis Using STL	107C			
Sample Number	2441707			
Sample Identification	Outdoors			
Sample Type	Air Cassette - Micro-5			
Volume	25 Liters			
Analytical Sensitivity	40 Count/M <sup>3</sup>			
Background Density	2+			
Other	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>a</sup>	%	
Dander	309	12360	n/a	
Fibers	4	160	n/a	
Mycelial Fragments	2	80	n/a	
Pollen	10	400	n/a	
Fungal Identification	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	%	
Alternaria species				
Ascospores	9	360	26	
Aspergillus/Penicillium	3	120	9	
Basidiospores	7	280	20	
Bispora like				
Cladosporium species	15	600	43	
Polythrincium species	0.450			
Smuts/Myxomycetes	1	40	3	
TOTAL	35	1400		

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## **Direct ID Lab Results**



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Analyst: Zhang, Ph.D, Richard

## **Direct Identification Analysis**

		ample #:Swab	Room 150 "U-Shared"	Table	
D1 - Direct Ide	entification Ana	lysis on Surfac	e Swab using STL 104		
Direct ID of Mo	bld				
Fungi		Estimated /	Amount		
Cladosporium species		Modera	ate		
Estimated Amount	Indication of Growth	Evidence of Mycelia	l Fragments/Conidiophores		
Rare	Not Likely	None			
Light	Possible	Some, 10 to 25% of Tape Covered			
Light		Abundant, 25 to 50% of Tape Covered			
Moderate	Probable	Abundant, 25 to 50%	o or rape covered		

Signature: 26x Johnston Whan Reviewed: 5/6/2019 5/6/2019 Date: Date:



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## **Organism Descriptions**

The descriptions of the organisms presented are derived from various reference materials. The laboratory report is based on the data derived from the samples submitted and no interpretation of the data, as to potential, or a ctual, health effects resulting from exposure to the numbers of organisms found, can be made by laboratory personnel. Any interpretation of the potential health effects of the presence of this organism must be made by qualified professional personnel with first hand knowledge of the sample site, and the problems associated with that site.

**Dander** - Comprised of human and/or animal skin cells. Counts may be higher in carpeted rooms and in rooms with more traffic. *Health Effects*: May cause allergies.

Fibers - This category can include clothing, carpet, and insulation fibers.

Mycelial Fragments - A mycelium (plural = mycelia) is the "body" of a fungus. It is a collective term for hyphae ( singular = hypha), which are the tubular units of the mycelium usually composed of chitin. The terms hyphae and mycelial fragments are used interchangeably. [This information was referenced from the mycology text "The Fifth Kingdom"]In some cases a fungal identification cannot be obtained due to lack of sporulation. Only the mycelial fragments are present, and cannot be identified without the distinguishing characteristics of the spores or the structures they grow from. *Health Effects:* Allergic reactions may occur in the presence of spores (conidia) or mycelial/hyphal fragments.

**Pollen** - Produced by trees, flowers, weeds and grasses. The level of pollen production can depend on water availability, precipitation, temperature, and light. Pollen is usually dispersed by either insects or the wind. *Health Effects*: Mostly effects the respiratory tract with hay fever symptoms but has also been shown to trigger asthma in some people.

Alternaria species - This genus compromises a large number of saprobes and plant pathogens. It is one of the predominate airborne fungal spores indoor and outdoor. Outdoors it may be isolated from samples of soil, seeds, and plants. It is one of the more common fungi found in nature, extremely widespread and ubiquitous. Conidia are easily carried by the wind, with peak concentrations in the summer and early fall. It is commonly found in outdoor samples. It is often found in indoor environments, on drywall, ceiling tiles, in house dust, carpets, textiles, and on horizontal surfaces in building interiors. Often found on window frames.

Health Effects: In humans, it is recognized to cause type I and III allergic responses. Because of the large size of the spores, it can be deposited in the nose, mouth and upper respiratory tract, causing nasal septum infections. It has been known to cause Baker's asthma, farmer's lung, and hay fever. It has been associated with hypersensitivity pneumoniti, sinusitis, deratomycosis, onychomycosis, subcutaneous phaeohyphomycosis, and invasive infection. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include edema and bronchiospasms, chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema.

*References:* Flannigan, Brian, Robert A. Samson, and J. David Miller, eds. Microorganisms in Home and Indoor Work Environments: Diversity, Health Impacts, Investigation, and Control. London and New York: Taylor & Francis, 2001.

Ascospores - From the fungal Subphylum Ascomycotina. Ascospores are ubiquitous in nature and are commonly found in the outdoor environment. This class contains the "sac fungi" and yeasts. Some ascospores can be identified by spore morphology, however; some care should be excercised with regard to specific identification. They are identified on tape lifts and non-viable analysis by the fact that they have no attachment scars and are sometimes enclosed in sheaths with or without sacs. Ascomycetes may develop both sexual and asexual stages. Rain and high humidity may help asci to release, and dispurse ascospores, which is why during these weather conditions there is a great increase in counts. *Health Effects:* This group contains possible allergens.

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Aspergillus/Penicillium - These spores are easily aerosolized. Only through the visualization of reproductive structures can the genera be distinguished. Also included in this group are the spores of the genera Acremonium, Phialophora, Verticillium, Paecilomyces, etc. Small, round spores of this group lack the necessary distinguishing characteristics when seen on non-viable examination.

Health Effects: Can cause a variety of symptoms including allergic reactions. Most symptoms occur if the individual is immunocompromised in some way (HIV, cancer, etc). Both Penicillium and Aspergillus spores share similar morphology on nonviable analysis and therefore are lumped together into the same group.

**Basidiospores** - From the Subphylum Basidiomycotina which contains the mushrooms, shelf fungi, and a variety of other macrofungi. They are saprophytes, ectomycorrhizal fungi or agents of wood rot, which may destroy the structure wood of buildings. It is extremely difficult to identify a specific genera of mushrooms by using standard culture plate techniques. Some basidiomycete spores can be identified by spore morphology; however, some care should be exercised with regard to specific identification. The release of basidiospores is dependent upon moisture, and they are dispersed by wind. *Health Effects:* Many have the potential to produce a variety of toxins. Members of this group may trigger Type I and III fungal hypersensitivity reactions. Rarely reported as opportunistic pathogens.

**Bispora like** - Bispora is a ubiquitous anamorphic fungus and may be isolated from decaying wood. *Health Effects*: There has been no known research on the health effects, toxicity, or allergens to this fungi. *References*: C.J. K. Wang, R.A. Zabel, Identification Manual for Fungi from Utility Poles in the Eastern United States, American Type Culture Collection 1990

**Cladosporium species** - The most commonly identified outdoor fungus. The outdoor numbers are reduced in the winter and are often high in the summer. Often found indoors in numbers less than outdoor numbers. It is commonly found on the surface of fiberglass duct liner in the interior of supply ducts. A wide variety of plants are food sources for this fungus. It is found on dead plants, woody plants, food, straw, soil, paint and textiles. Often found in dirty refrigerators and especially in reservoirs where condensation is collected, on moist window frames it can easily be seen covering the whole painted area with a velvety olive green layer.

*Health Effects:* It is a common allergen. It can cause mycosis. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include edema and bronchiospasms, chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema. Illnesses caused by this genus can include phaeohyphomycosis, chromoblastomycosis, hay fever and common allergies.

*References:* Flannigan, Brian, Robert A. Samson, and J. David Miller, eds. Microorganisms in Home and Indoor Work Environments: Diversity, Health Impacts, Investigation, and Control. London and New York: Taylor & Francis, 2001.

**Polythrincium species** - This fungues is often associated with leaves and other plant material. There are no reports of any clinical significance or allergenic properties.

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Smuts/Myxomycetes - Smuts and Myxomycetes are parasitic plant pathogens. They are typically grouped together due to their association with plants, the outdoors and because they share similar microscopic morphology. Health Effects: Can produce type I fungal hypersensitivity reactions.

References: Martin, G.W., C.J. Alexopoulos, and M.L. Farr. The Genera of Myxomycetes. Iowa City, Iowa: University of Iowa Press, 1983.

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## **Conclusions/Recommendations**

The water damaged ceiling tiles in Rooms 218, 169, 106, 113, and 150 should be removed and replaced. In Room 169, the small section of wallboard should be removed from the base of the wall right of the Storage Room (233) door.

In Room 150, the underside of the "U-shaped" table should be cleaned and treated to remove surface mold growth.

I hope you found our service beneficial. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 410-867-6262.

Respectfully,

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## **Industry References**

Since the 1993 New York City Department of Health (NYCDOH) document (Assessment and remediation of *Stachybotrys Atra* in Indoor Environments) was produced, several other guidance documents have been written. This report was developed in accordance with and including:

- *Fungal Contamination in Buildings: A Guide to Recognition and Management* (Health Canada, 1995).
- Control of Moisture Problems Affecting Biological Indoor Air Quality (Flannigan and Morey, 1996).
- *Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control* (American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists [ACGIH], 1999).
- *Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments* (NYCDOH, 2000). [external link]
- Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings (U.S. EPA, 2001).
- *Report of the Microbial Growth Task Force* (The American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2001).
- Fungal Contamination: A manual for investigation, remediation and control (BECi) 2005.
- 29 CFR 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry, U.S. Department of Labor
- Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification Standard IICRC S520 29 CFR 1926, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry, U.S. Department of Labor
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- *IICRC S100 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Carpet Cleaning, Fourth Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (S100)\**
- IICRC S300 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Upholstery Cleaning, First Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (S300)\*
- ANSI/IICRC S500 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration, Third Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (S500)\*