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Mold Terminology

The Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules officially became state law on May 16th, 2004 as a result of House Bill 329 passed by the 78th Texas Legislature. The Texas department of State Health Services was appointed to be the regulatory body overseeing the Mold Regulations. On November 1, 2017 the Mold program transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) in accordance with Senate Bill 202 (84th Regular Session 2015). Along with the move came a few changes to the regulations. Most of the changes are concerned with licensing, training, and fees collected by TDLR.

The Texas mold regulations were adopted to “protect the public from the adverse health effects of mold”. The regulations establish, among other things, a regulatory system for mold assessments and remediation’s (for qualifying companies in this business), civil liability for violations, and requirements for continuing education. Below are some of the common terms and definitions that you may hear a Mold Remediation Company using on a job site.

Containment - A component or enclosure designed or intended to control the release of mold or mold-containing dust or materials into surrounding areas in the building. The broad category of containment includes such sub-categories as walk-in containment, surface containment (such as plastic sheeting), and containment devices (such as wall-mounted glove boxes).

Contiguous - In close proximity; neighboring □

Minimum area exemption: A person is not required to be licensed to perform mold remediation in an area in which the mold contamination for the project affects a total surface area of less than 25 contiguous square feet.

Mold - Any living or dead fungi or related products or parts, including spores, hyphae, and mycotoxins.

Mold remediation - The removal, cleaning, sanitizing, demolition, or other treatment, including preventive activities, of mold or mold-contaminated matter that was not purposely grown at a location. Preventive activities include those intended to prevent future mold contamination of a remediated area, including applying biocides or anti-microbial compounds.

Mold remediation protocol (mold remediation work analysis) - A document, prepared by a licensed mold assessment consultant for a client, that specifies the estimated quantities and locations of materials to be remediated and the proposed remediation methods and clearance criteria for each type of remediation in each type of area for a mold remediation project.

Start-date - The date on which the mold remediation begins. Preparation work is not considered mold remediation.

Stop-date (completion date) - The date following the day on which final clearance for the project is achieved.

If you would like to read through the entire Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules, they can be found at the following link: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/mld/mlrules.htm#7810>. The TDLR website, also allows you to search for licensed Remediation Contractors: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/>, until next time my friends, be prepared and stay safe.

Reference: Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules

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Events

- August 1: SAMA Luncheon
- August 2: IFMA Luncheon
- August 8: SACA Luncheon
- August 9: AAFAME Luncheon
- August 11: Austin CE Class
- August 16: SABOMA Luncheon
- August 17: SAABE Luncheon
- August 17: CAMO Meeting
- August 23-25: TAC Legislative Conference

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 SABOMA IREM Luncheon	5 ACA Luncheon IIASA Trade Fair	6	7
8	9	10 SACA Luncheon	11 AAFAME Luncheon	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 SAABE Luncheon CAMO Trade Fair	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 IWSA Luncheon	27	28
29	30					

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