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**Mold-Related Services Stakeholder Meeting
October 14, 2009
Margate, FL**

SUMMARY

In September and October 2009, Department of Business and Professional Regulation representatives held four open meetings with concerned parties to receive input concerning grandfathering, examinations, and background checks for the mold services profession. The stakeholder meeting comments below reflect statements and recommendations of the interested parties who attended the October 14, 2009 meeting.

Grandfathering

1. It is recommended that the requirements in law remain, but that DBPR issue provisional licenses until enough time has passed for all to come in compliance.
2. It is recommended that the amount of insurance required by law be reduced to \$300,000 and that errors and omission insurance be eliminated.
3. It is recommended that DBPR accept on line training for mold related services.
4. It is recommended that DBPR utilize either International Association of Certified Indoor Air Consultants or Indoor Air Quality Association training as the standard.
5. It is recommended that DBPR not recognize any mold certifications issue by labs.
6. It is recommended that the law be amended to increase the number of continuing education hours required.
7. It is recommended that grandfathering provisions accept the certifications already issued by IAQA and IICRC.
8. It is recommended that the requirement for errors and omission insurance remain as written in the law.
9. It is recommended that anyone in the mold assessing or remediating business since June 2007 when the law was passed be allowed to remain in business and be given a license.
10. It is recommended that there be some requirements for grandfathering and that not everyone in business be automatically given a license.
11. It is recommended that if a person has certification through IAQA membership that they be grandfathered in and given a license.
12. It is recommended that a minimum number of inspections be required for grandfathering along with an examination.
13. It is recommended to look at how DBPR handled asbestos licensing and apply it to mold-related services.
14. It is recommended that pollution insurance be added to the law.

Examinations

1. It is recommended that DBPR use examination from national level organizations such as ACAC or IAQA.
2. It is recommended that all exams required by DBPR be proctored exams.
3. It is recommended that DBPR collect information from all existing exams and create an exam.
4. It is recommended that the exams contain questions on construction safety (for remediation).
5. It is recommended that exams for mold assessors include information about remediation.
6. It is recommended that the exams be conducted in separate modules covering different disciplines in mold-related services.
7. It is recommended that DBPR use the national level organizations to gather questions for the exams.

Background Checks

1. It is recommended that background checks be required on all employees of a mold-related services business.
2. It is recommended that credit checks not be part of the background check.

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