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**Mold-Related Services Stakeholder Meeting
September 29, 2009
Tallahassee, 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 September 29, 2009 meeting.

Grandfathering

1. It is recommended that all mold assessors and remediators who are currently in business, be grandfathered so that they are allowed to remain in business.
2. It is recommended that grandfathering requirements be the same for both assessors and remediators.
3. It is recommended that 2 year degree mandated by law not be a requirement for licensing.
4. It is recommended the requirements in the grandfathering language include 1 year experience in business, training, and accreditation through a national association.
5. It is recommended that all mold assessors and remediators in business as of the date the law was signed – June 2007 – be grandfathered and granted a license. All those applying after July 1, 2010 should be required to meet all the prerequisites spelled out in the law. The period from June 2007 – July 2010 may have been intended as a “grace” period.
6. It is recommended that DBPR use the Institute of Inspections Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) published standards S520 and the S100 as standards for mold remediation.
7. It is recommended that all standards of the law be enforced so that all mold assessors and remediators be made to show their competency.
8. It is recommended that DBPR look at current methodologies and protocols and adopt association standards already in effect.
9. It is recommended that there be an affidavit to prove experience and verify current certifications. Further, mold assessors should produce proof of testing samples provided to labs to show their experience.
10. It is recommended that the standards be raised to protect the consumer. Additionally, the use of the International and National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (InterNACHI) exam is recommended.
11. It is recommended that grandfathering include a requirement for number of mold/air samples taken.

12. It is recommended that DBPR recognize the certifications issued by the associations for grandfathering. For example the standards published by American Council for Accredited Certification(ACAC), Indoor Environmental Standards Organization(IESO), and the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA).
13. It is recommended that the current exam requirements be part of the grandfathering language.

Examinations

1. It is recommended that the examination connect back to the training and continuing education requirements.
2. It is recommended that DBPR prepare the examination using the IICRC standards
3. It is recommended that there be a competency exam based on the Texas EPA exam.
4. It is recommended that DBPR use the Florida Department of Agriculture experiences with Wood –Destroying Organisms (WDO) to compose the respiratory area of the exam.

Background Checks

1. It is recommended background checks be done on a regular basis.

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