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Surface/Bulk Report Spore Trap Report Andersen Fungal Report Quantitative Fungal Report

# Lab Manager Review: Magzoub Ismaíl Date: 11/02/2021

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Asbestos & Mold Servio	205		0000	Trap Rep		Samplad					
					Date Sampled:						
62 Regency Point Montgomery, TX 77356				Date Received: 11/02/2021 Date Analyzed: 11/02/2021							
713-890-2003											
713-890-2003				Date Reported: 11/02/2021 Date Revised:							
		Project Name: 15200 Moonlight									
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				Project Address: Project City, State, ZIP:							
					SEEML Ref			128			
TEST METHOD: DIRECT N				EMI SOP			11-2111020	020			
Client Sample ID		1			2			3			
		•									
Location		Outside			Living / Dining	1		Master			
Comment/Notes				1							
Lab Sample ID	H-	211102028-	191	H-	211102028-1	192	H-211102028-193				
Detection Limit (spores/m <sup>3</sup> )		13			13			13			
Hyphal Fragments	1	13		1	13		2	26			
Pollen											
Spore Trap Used		Allergenco			Allergenco			Allergenco			
· ·	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%		
Alternaria	1	13	<1								
Ascospores	160	2080	15								
Basidiospores	560	7280	52				4	52	5		
Bipolaris/Drechslera							-		-		
Chaetomium											
Cladosporium	200	2600	19	20	260	13	16	208	19		
Curvularia							4	52	5		
Epicoccum											
Cercospora											
Fusarium											
Memnoniella				1							
Nigrospora											
Penicillium/Aspergillus	152	1980	14	136	1770	87	60	780	70		
Polythrincium			· · ·								
Rusts				1							
Smuts/Periconia/Myxomy	1	13	<1								
Spegazzinia				1			2	26	2		
Stachybotrys											
Stemphylium											
Tetraploa											
Torula											
Ulocladium											
Colorless/Other Brown*											
Oidium											
Zygomycetes											
Pithomyces											
		1						1			

Comments:

Revisions:

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14000

(in spores/m<sup>3</sup>) multiplied by the sample volume (in liters) divided by 1000 liters.

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Background debris (1-5)\*\*

Sample Volume(liters)

TOTAL SPORES/M<sup>3</sup>

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# Spore Trap Report

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	Project Name: 15200 Moonlight
	Project Address:
	Project City, State, ZIP:
	SEEML Reference # : H-211102028
	ATION SEEMILSOR 7

#### TEST METHOD: DIRECT MICROSCOPY EXAMINATION SEEML SOP 7

Client Sample ID	4			5			6			
Location	U/S Garage Apt		Spare Bathroom			Master Bed Ext Wall				
Comment/Notes										
Lab Sample ID	H-	211102028-	194	H-	H-211102028-195			211102028-1	96	
Detection Limit (spores/m <sup>3</sup> )		13			13			67		
Hyphal Fragments										
Pollen	1	13								
Spore Trap Used		Allergenco			Allergenco			Allergenco		
	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	
Alternaria										
Ascospores										
Basidiospores										
Bipolaris/Drechslera										
Chaetomium										
Cladosporium	8	104	13	8	104	40	64	4290	<1	
Curvularia										
Epicoccum										
Cercospora										
Fusarium										
Memnoniella					1			1		
Nigrospora										
Penicillium/Aspergillus	52	676	87	12	156	60	38400	2570000	100	
Polythrincium										
Rusts										
Smuts/Periconia/Myxomy										
Spegazzinia					1			1		
Stachybotrys										
Stemphylium										
Tetraploa								1		
Torula										
Ulocladium										
Colorless/Other Brown*										
Oidium										
Zygomycetes										
Pithomyces										
Background debris (1-5)**	3			3			4			
Sample Volume(liters)	75			75			15			
TOTAL SPORES/M <sup>3</sup>	60	780		20	260		38464	2570000		

#### Comments:

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	Project City, State, ZIP:
	SEEML Reference # : H-211102028

#### SCODY EVAMINATION SEEMI

Client Sample ID	7				9			
Location	Kitchen Wall U/S Garage		Laundry Closet Area					
Comment/Notes								
Lab Sample ID	H-	211102028-1	97	H-	H-211102028-199			
Detection Limit (spores/m <sup>3</sup> )		67			67			
Hyphal Fragments				450	30150			
Pollen								-
Spore Trap Used		Allergenco		Allergenco				
• •	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%	raw ct.	spores/m <sup>3</sup>	%		
Alternaria								
Ascospores								
Basidiospores							1	
Bipolaris/Drechslera								
Chaetomium				2760	185000	5		
Cladosporium				32	2140	<1		
Curvularia								
Epicoccum								
Cercospora								
Fusarium								
Memnoniella		1			1			
Nigrospora								
Penicillium/Aspergillus	48	3220	100	55240	3700000	95		
Polythrincium								
Rusts		1			1			
Smuts/Periconia/Myxomy								
Spegazzinia		1			1			
Stachybotrys								
Stemphylium								
Tetraploa								
Torula								
Ulocladium								
Colorless/Other Brown*								
Oidium								
Zygomycetes								
Pithomyces								
Background debris (1-5)**	3			4				
Sample Volume(liters)	15			15				
TOTAL SPORES/M <sup>3</sup>	48	3220		58032	3890000			

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713-890-2003	Date Reported: 11/02/2021	
		Date Revised:
		Project Name: 15200 Moonlight
		Project Address:
		Project City, State ZIP:
		SEEML Reference #: H-211102028
TEST METHOD: Direct Micro	oscopic Examination (SEEM	IL SOP 18)
Client Sample ID	8	
Location	Attic Under HVAC	
SEEML Sample ID	H-211102028-198	
Sample Type	Swab	
	Quantification*	
Hyphal Fragments	м	
Pollen		
General Impressions **	FG	
Fungal Spore:		
Alternaria		
Acremonium		
Aspergillus		
Basidiospores		
Bipolaris/Drechslera		
Cercospora		
Chaetomium	н	
Cladosporium		
Curvularia		
Epicoccum		
Fusarium		
Geotrichum sp.		
Memnoniella		
Myxomycetes		
Nigrospora		
Penicillium/Aspergillus	м	
Pithomyces	141	
Rusts/Smuts		
Stachybotrys		
Torula		
Ulocladium		
Revisions:		

\*\* General Impressions: NFG = No Fungal Growth, FG = Fungal Growth, MFG = Minimal Fungal Growth Or Growth in vicinity

Quantification of fungal growth is done by semi-quantitative grading using the following ranges:

L = 101-1,000 fungal spores

Scattered Spores = 1-20 fungal spores

VL = 21-100 fungal spores

M = 1,001-10,000 fungal spores

ND = No Fungal Spores Detected

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H = >10,000 fungal spores

# **Fungal Descriptions**

# Alternaria sp.

Aw - 0.89. Conidia dimensions: 18-83 x 7-18 microns. A very common allergen with an IgE mediated response. It is often found in carpets, textiles and on horizontal surfaces in building interiors. Often found on window frames. Outdoors it may be isolated from samples of soil, seeds and plants. It is commonly found in outdoor samples. The large spore size, 20 - 200 microns in length and 7 - 18 microns in sizes, suggests that the spores from these fungi will be deposited in the nose, mouth and upper respiratory tract. It may be related to bakers' asthma. It has been associated with hypersensitivity pneumonitis. The species *Alternaria alternata* is capable of producing tenuazonic acid and other toxic metabolites that may be associated with disease in humans or animals. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include edema and bronchiospasms; chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema.

#### Ascospore

A spore borne in a special cell called an ascus. Spores of this type are reported to be allergenic.

All ascomycetes, members of a group of fungi called Ascomycotina, have this type of spore. The minute black dots on rotting wood and leaves or the little cups on lichens are examples of ascomycetes; another is the "truffle" mushroom.

# Aspergillus/Penicillium

These are two of the most commonly found allergenic fungi in problem buildings. *Aspergillus* comes in many varieties (species). Many of the varieties produce toxic substances. It may be associated with symptoms such as sinusitis, allergic bronchiopulmonary aspergillosis, and other allergic symptoms.

*Penicillium* is a variety of mold that is very common indoors and is found in increased numbers in problem buildings. It also has many varieties, some of which produce toxic substances. The symptoms are allergic reactions, mucous membrane irritation, headaches, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Because the spores of *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* are very similar, they are not differentiated by microscopic analysis and are reported together.

# Aspergillus sp.

Aw 0.75 - 0.82. Reported to be allergenic. Members of this genus are reported to cause ear infections. Many species produce mycotoxins that may be associated with disease in humans and other animals. Toxin production is dependent on the species or a strain within a species and on the food source for the fungus. Some of these toxins have been found to be carcinogenic in animal species. Several toxins are considered potential human carcinogens. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include edema and bronchiospasms; chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema; may also be associated with sinusitis, allergic bronchiopulmonary aspergillosis, and other allergic symptoms. Spore from basidiomycetes. Many varieties are reported to be allergenic.

#### Bipolaris sp.

A fungus with large spores that could be expected to be deposited in the upper respiratory tract. This fungus can produce the mycotoxin - sterigmatocystin, which has been shown to produce liver and kidney damage when ingested by laboratory animals.

#### Botrytis sp.

Aw 0.93. Conidia dimensions: 7-14 x 5-9 microns. It is parasitic on plants and soft fruits. Found in soil and on house plants and vegetables, it is also known as "gray mold". It causes leaf rot on grapes, strawberries, lettuce, etc. It is a well-known allergen, producing asthma type symptoms in greenhouse workers and "wine grower's lung".

#### Cercaspora

Common outdoors in agricultural areas, especially during harvest. Parasite of higher plants, causing leaf spot. Commonly found as parasites on higher plants.

#### Chaetomium sp.

large ascomycetous fungus producing perithecia. It is found on a variety of substrates containing cellulose, including paper and plant compost. It has been found on paper in sheetrock. It can produce an *Acremonium*-like state on fungal media. Varieties are considered allergenic and have been associated with peritonitis, cutaneous lesions, and system mycosis.

#### Cladosporium sp.

Aw 0.88; Aw 0.84. Most commonly identified outdoor fungus. The outdoor numbers are reduced in the winter. The numbers are often high in the summer. Often found indoors in numbers less than outdoor numbers. It is a common allergen. Indoor *Cladosporium* sp. may be different than the species identified outdoors. It is commonly found on the surface of fiberglass duct liners 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. Produces greater than 10 antigens. Antigens in commercial extracts are of variable quality and may degrade within weeks of preparation. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include skin lesions, eye ulceration, mycosis (including onychomycosis, an infection of the nails of the feet or hands) edema and bronchiospasms; chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema.

Reported to be allergenic and has been associated with allergic fungal sinusitis. It may cause corneal infections, mycetoma, and infections in immune compromised hosts.

#### Dreschlera sp.

Conidia dimensions: 40-120 x 17-28 microns. Found on grasses, grains and decaying food. It can occasionally cause a corneal infection of the eye.

#### Epicoccum sp.

Conidia dimensions: 15-25 microns. A common allergen. It is found in plants, soil, grains, textiles and paper products.

#### Fusarium sp.

Aw 0.90. A common soil fungus. It is found on a wide range of plants. It is often found in humidifiers. Several species in this genus can produce potent trichothecene toxins. The trichothecene (scirpene) toxin targets the following systems: circulatory, alimentary, skin, and nervous. Produces vomitoxin on grains during unusually damp growing conditions. Symptoms may occur either through ingestion of contaminated grains or possibly inhalation of spores. The genera can produce hemorrhagic syndrome in humans (alimentary toxic aleukia). This is characterized by nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dermatitis, and extensive internal bleeding. Reported to be allergenic. Frequently involved in eye, skin, and nail infections.

#### Myxomycetes

Members of a group of fungi that is included in the category of "slime molds". They're occasionally found indoors, but mainly reside in forested regions on decaying logs, stumps, and dead leaves. Myxomycetes display characteristics of fungi *and* protozoans. In favorable (wet) conditions they exhibit motile, amoeba-like cells, usually bounded only by a plasma membrane, that are variable in size and form. During dry spells, they form a resting body (sclerotium) with dry, airborne spores. These fungi are not known to produce toxins, but can cause hay fever and asthma.

# Memnoniella

Contaminant, found most often with Stachybotrys on wet cellulose. Forms in chains, but it are very similar to Stachybotrys and sometimes is considered to be in the Stachybotrys family. Certain species do produce toxins very similar to the ones produced by Stachybotrys chartarum and many consider the IAQ importance of Memnoniella to be on par with Stachybotrys. Allergenic and infectious properties are not well studied. Commonly found in warm climates, this mold may be responsible for allergic reactions such as hay fever and asthma. It is found on decaying plant material and in the soil. It is not often found indoors.

#### Oidium sp.

The asexual phase of *Erysiphe* sp. It is a plant pathogen causing powdery mildews. It is very common on the leaves stems, and flowers of plants. The health effects and allergenicity have not been studied. It does not grow on non-living surfaces such as wood or drywall.

# Penicillium sp.

Aw 0.78 - 0.88. A wide number of organisms have been placed in this genus. Identification to species is difficult. Often found in aerosol samples. Commonly found in soil, food, cellulose and grains. It is also found in paint and compost piles. It may cause hypersensitivity pneumonitis, allergic alveolitis in susceptible individuals. It is reported to be allergenic (skin). It is commonly found in carpet, wallpaper, and in interior fiberglass duct insulation. Some species can produce mycotoxins. Common cause of extrinsic asthma (immediate-type hypersensitivity: type I). Acute symptoms include edema and bronchiospasms; chronic cases may develop pulmonary emphysema. It may also cause headaches, vomiting, and diarrhea.

#### Periconia sp.

found in soil, blackened and dead herbaceous stems leaf spots, grasses, rushes, and sedges. Almost always associated with other fungi. Rarely found growing indoors. Reportedly associated with a rare case of mycotic keratitis.

#### Pithomyces sp.

A common mold found on dead leaves, plants, soil and especially grasses. Causes facial eczema in ruminants. It exhibits distinctive multi-celled brown conidia. It is not know to be a human allergen or pathogen. It is rarely found indoors, although it can grow on paper.

# **Rusts/Smuts**

These fungi are associated with plant diseases. In the classification scheme of the fungi, the smuts have much in common with the rusts, and they are frequently discussed together. Both groups produce wind-borne, resistant teliospores that serve as the basis for their classification and their means of spread. Rusts usually attack vegetative regions (i.e., leaves and stems) of plants; smuts usually are associated with the reproductive structures (seeds). They can cause hay fever and asthma.

# Spegazzinia

Spegazzinia species comprise a very small proportion of the fungal biota. This genus is somewhat related to other lobed or ornamented genera such as Candelabrum. No information is available regarding health effects or toxicity. Allergenicity has not been studied. Usually identified on spore trap samples where it is seen every few weeks. (Spores have very distinctive morphology.) May also be found in air by culturable (Andersen) samples if a long enough incubation period is provided so that sporulation occurs. Our laboratory has never found this organism growing on indoor environmental surfaces. Natural habitat includes soil and many kinds of trees and plants.

# Stachybotrys sp.

Aw - 0.94, optimum Aw ->0.98. Several strains of this fungus (*S. atra, S. chartarum* and *S. alternans* are synonymous) may produce a trichothecene mycotoxin- Satratoxin H - which is poisonous by inhalation. The toxins are present on the fungal spores. This is a slow growing fungus on media. It does not compete well with other rapidly growing fungi. The dark colored fungus grows on building material with high cellulose content and low nitrogen content. Areas with a relative humidity above 55%, and are subject to temperature fluctuations, are ideal for toxin production.

Individuals with chronic exposure to the toxin produced by this fungus reported cold and flu symptoms, sore throats, diarrhea, headaches, fatigue, dermatitis, intermittent local hair loss and generalized malaise. Other symptoms include coughs, rhinitis, nosebleed, a burning sensation in the nasal passages, throat, and lungs, and fever. The toxins produced by this fungus will suppress the immune system affecting the lymphoid tissue and the bone marrow. Animals injected with the toxin from this fungus exhibited the following symptoms: necrosis and hemorrhage within the brain, thymus, spleen, intestine, lung, heart, lymph node, liver, and kidney. Affects by absorption of the toxin in the human lung are known as pneumomycosis.

This organism is rarely found in outdoor samples. It is usually difficult to find in indoor air samples unless it is physically disturbed (or possibly -this is speculation- a drop in the relative humidity). The spores are in a gelatinous mass. Appropriate media for the growth of this organism will have high cellulose content and low nitrogen content. The spores will die readily after release. The dead spores are still allergenic and toxigenic. Percutaneous absorption has caused mild symptoms.

# Stemphylium sp.

Reported to be allergenic. Isolated from dead plants and cellulose materials.

#### Torula sp.

Found outdoors in air, soil, on dead vegetation, wood, and grasses. Also found indoors on cellulose materials. Reported to be allergenic and may cause hay fever and asthma.

# Tetraploa

Tetraploa species comprise a very small proportion of the fungal biota. This genus is somewhat related to Triposporium and Diplocladiella. The only reported human infections are two cases of keratitis (1970, 1980) and one case of subcutaneous infection of the knee (1990). No information is available regarding other health effects or toxicity. Allergenicity has not been studied. Usually identified on spore trap samples where it is seen every few weeks. (Spores have very distinctive morphology.) Our laboratory has never found this organism growing on indoor environmental surfaces. Natural habitat includes leaf bases and stems just above the soil on many kinds of plants and trees.

# Ulocladium sp.

Aw 0.89. Isolated from dead plants and cellulose materials. Found on textiles.

# Zygomycetes

Zygomycetes are one of the four major groups of fungi, the others being the Oomycetes, the Ascomycetes, and the Basidiomycetes. Zygomycetes are common, fast growing, and often overgrow and/or inhibit other fungi nearby. Rhizopus and Mucor are two of the most common Zygomycetes seen in the indoor environment. However, others are seen as well, including Syncephalastrum, Circinella, Mortierella, Mycotypha, Cunninghamella, and Choanephora. For further information, please see descriptions of these individual genera.

# The following table lists mycotoxins that are produced by certain types of fungi:

Fungi	Mycotoxin				
Acremonium crotocinigenum	Crotocin				
Aspergillus favus	Alfatoxin B, cyclopiazonic acid				
Aspergillus fumigatus	Fumagilin, gliotoxin				
Aspergillus carneus	Critrinin				
Aspergillus clavatus	Cytochalasin, patulin				
Aspergillus Parasiticus	Alfatoxin B				
Aspergillus nomius	Alfatoxin B				
Aspergillus niger	Ochratoxin A, malformin, oxalicacid				
Acremonium crotocinigenum	Crotocin				
Aspergillus nidulans	Sterigmatocystin				
Aspergillus ochraceus	Ochratoxin A, penicillic acid				
Aspergillus versicolor	Sterigmatocystin, 5 ethoxysterigmatocystin				
	Ausdiol, austamide,				
Aspergillus ustus	austocystin, brevianamide				
Aspergillus terreus	Citreoviridin				
• •	Alternariol, altertoxin, altenuene, altenusin,				
Alternaria	tenuazonic acid				
Arthrinium	Nitropropionic acid				
D' 1 '	Cytochalasin, sporidesmin,				
Bioploaris	sterigmatocystin				
Chaetomium	Chaetoglobosin A,B,C. Sterigmatocystin				
Cladosporium	Cladosporic acid				
Clavipes purpurea	Ergotism				
Cylindrocorpon	Trichothecene				
Diplodia	Diplodiatoxin				
Fusarium	Trichothecene, zearalenone				
Fusarium moniliforme	Fumonisins				
Emericella nidulans	Sterigmatocystin				
Gliocladium	Gliotoxin				
	Griseofulvin, dechlorogriseofulvin, epi-				
Memnoniella	decholorgriseofulvin, trichodermin,				
	trichodermol				
Myrothecium	Trichothecene				
Paecilomyces	Patulin, viriditoxin				
Penicillium aurantiocandidum	Penicillic acid				
Penicillium aurantiogriseum	Penicillic acid				
Penicillium brasilanum	Penicillic acid				
Penicillium brevicompactum	Mycophenolic acid				
Penicillium camemberti	Cyclopiazonic acid				
Penicillium carneum	Mycophenolic acid, Roquefortine C				
Penicillium crateriforme	Rubratoxin				

Penicillium citrinum	Citrinin
Penicillium commune	Cyclopiazonic acid
Penicillium crustosum	Roquefortine C
Penicillium chrysogenum	Roquefortine C
Penicillium discolor	Chaetoglobosin C
Penicillium expansum	Citrinin, Roquefortine C
Penicillium griseofulvum	Roquefortine C, cyclopiazonic acid, griseofulvin
Penicillium hirsutum	Roquefortine C
Penicillium hordei	Roquefortine C
Penicillium nordicum	Ochratoxin A
Penicillium paneum	Roquefortine C
Penicillium palitans	Cyclopiazonic acid
Penicillium polonicum	Penicillic acid
Penicillum roqueforti	Roquefortine C, Mycophenolic acid
Penicillium veridicatum	Penicillic acid
Penicillium verrucosum	Citrinin, ochratoxin A
Penicillium/ Aspergillus	Patulin
Penicillium/ Aspergillus/Alternaria	Glitoxin
Phomopsis	Macrocyclic trichothecenes
Phoma	Brefeldin, cytochalasin, secalonic acid, tenuazonic acid
Pithomyces	Sporidesmin
Rhizoctonia	Slaframine
Rhizopus	Rhizonin
Sclerotinia	Furanocoumarins
Stachybotrys chartarum	Iso-satratoxin F, roridin E, L-2, satratoxin G & H, trichodermin, trichodermol, trichothecene
Torula	Cytotoxins
Trichoderma	Trichodermin, trichodermol, gliotoxin
Trichothecium	Trichothecene
Wallemia	Walleminol
Zygosporium	Cytochalasin

# **General terms**

# Allergen

An allergen is a substance that elicits an IgE <u>antibody</u> response and is responsible for producing allergic reactions. Chemicals are released when IgE on certain cells come into contact with an allergen. These chemicals can cause injury to surrounding tissue - the visible signs of an allergy. Only a few fungal allergens have been characterized but all fungi are thought to be potentially allergenic. Fungal allergens are proteins found in either the mycelium or spores

# "Black mold"

The poorly defined term? Black mold? Or? Toxic black mold? Has usually been associated with the mold *Stachybotrys chartarum*. While there are only a few molds that are truly black, there are many that can appear black. Not all molds that appear to be black are *Stachybotrys*.

#### Fungi

Fungi are neither animals nor plants and are classified in a kingdom of their own? The Kingdom of Fungi. Fungi include a very large group of organisms, including molds, yeasts, mushrooms and puffballs. There are >100,000 accepted fungal species but current estimates range to 1.5 million species. Mycologists (people who study fungi) have grouped fungi into four large groups according to their method of reproduction.

#### **Hidden mold**

This refers to visible mold growth on building structures that is not easily seen, including the areas above drop ceilings, within a wall cavity (the space between the inner and outer structure of a wall), inside air handlers, or within the ducting of a heating/ventilation system.

# Microbial Volatile Organic Compounds (MVOCs)

Fungi produce chemicals as a result of their metabolism. Some of these chemicals, MVOCs, are responsible for the characteristic moldy, musty, or earthy smell of fungi, whether mushrooms or molds. Some MVOCs are considered offensive or annoying. Specific MVOCs are thought to be characteristic of wood rot and mold growth on building materials. The human nose is very sensitive to mold odors and sometimes more so than current analytical instruments.

Molds are a group of organisms that belong to the Kingdom of Fungi (see Fungi). Even though the terms mold and fungi had been commonly referred to interchangeably, all molds are fungi, but not all fungi are molds.

# **Mycotoxin**

Mycotoxins are compounds produced by some fungi that are toxic to humans or animals. By convention, the term? Mycotoxin? Excludes mushroom toxins. Fungi that produce mycotoxins are called "toxigenic fungi.

#### Spore

General Term for a reproductive structure in fungi, bacteria and some plants. In fungi, the spore is the structure which may be used for dissemination and may be resistant to adverse environmental conditions.

# **Toxic mold**

The term? Toxic mold" has no scientific meaning since the mold itself is not toxic. The metabolic byproducts of some molds may be toxic (see mycotoxin).

# Hypha (plural, hyphae)

An individual fungal thread or filament of connected cells; the thread that represents the individual parts of the fungal body.