



# Notes from

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# Mold! or you can't get there from here.

Permit me to cover four key points regarding "mold".

- #1. There is no accepted standard for identifying mold by the State of Oklahoma or by the Federal Government. (This is one reason insurance will not cover mold.)
- #2. There is no recognized certification for a "mold" expert, "mold" training, "mold" remediation, etc. by the State of Oklahoma or the Federal Government. (There are hundreds of organizations offering 'certificates' and 'designation', and some of them are of high quality and provide excellent training, but none are recognized by any official entity of the State of Oklahoma or the Federal Government.)

If you would like additional confirmation; call the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (405) 702-4100, or the Department of Agriculture (405) 522-5984, and/or the Department of Health, Lic. Division for Home Inspectors (405) 271-9444. There is no Oklahoma Government standard and there is no federal government standard for identifying mold or for credentialing inspectors. What is the point? When a lender, appraiser, or anyone else requests a "mold" inspection or remediation, ask them by what standard or ask them to call me, Jack L. Werner, **A to Z Building Inspections** (405) 412-7861.

- #3. There are numerous reputable labs and environmental specialist available to you if you have a serious concern regarding mold.

A. Oklahoma City

**A to Z Building Inspections** (405) 412-7861

We will subcontract out all mold investigations to a degreed professional that works with OSHA recognized labs.

B. Tulsa

**Cravens Home Inspection Services, LLC** (818) 369-6947

Mr. Cravens has done extensive research, training, and writing regarding mold and can provide a detailed analysis.

## C. Additional Labs/Resources

**Aerotech Laboratories, Inc.**  
2020 West Lone Cactus Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona 85027  
(800) 651-4802 (US)  
(623) 780-4800

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**  
200 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20210  
(202) 523-5181

**US Environmental Protection Agency**  
Public Information Center  
401 M Street SW  
Washington, DC 20460  
(202) 260-2080

**National Coalition on Indoor Air Quality**  
1518 K Street NW, Suite 503  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 737-2956

**Underwriters Laboratories**  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
(312) 272-8800

**American Indoor Air Quality Council**  
P.O. Box 11599  
Glendale, AZ 85318-1599  
(623) 582-0832

**#4. Common Sense Clean Up: Scrub down and/or replace. (Use respirators and protective equipment for eyes and skin.)**

- A. Non-porous surfaces can be cleaned and disinfected with soap and water, bleach and a scrub brush.**
- B. Porous materials need to be replaced.**

If you would like to read one of the first instructions on mold/mildew remediation, read Leviticus Chapter 14, verses 33-47.

Currently there are no United States Federal or Oklahoma regulations for evaluating potential health effects of fungal contamination (mold/mildew) or for remediation or for certification of personnel. Can there be a serious problem and/or serious health effects? YES. It is rare, almost impossible to prove, and very expensive. There are professional resources available if you have a serious problem.

If we may answer questions or provide you with "The Twelve Things You Should Know About Mold" please call **A to Z Building Inspection** (405) 412-7861.

All information is from "EPA-Mold Resources", Aerotech Laboratories, Inc., "Mold Investigations" by Charles Cravens, and the Journal of Environmental Health.

**A to Z Building Inspections serves OKC and a 50 mile radius. Please, call if A to Z may be of service. (405) 412-7861.**

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