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## CERTIFICATE OF MOLD ANALYSIS

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**TEST LOCATION:** 

123 Main St

BOULDER, CO 80301 Chain of Custody #: 52143550

> Collected: Fri July 14, 2017 Received: Mon July 17, 2017 Reported: Mon July 17, 2017

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VERSION: 1.0 (A VERSION NUMBER GREATER THAN ONE (1) INDICATES THAT THE DATA IN THIS REPORT HAS BEEN AMENDED)

EPA regulations or standards for airborne or surface mold concentrations have not been established. There are also no EPA regulations or standards for evaluating health effects due to mold exposure. Information about mold can be found at www.epa.gov/mold.

All samples were received in an acceptable condition for analysis unless noted specifically in the Comments section under a particular sample. All results relate only to the samples submitted for analysis.

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### Detailed Mold Report (NAMES IN RED ARE WATER-INDICATING FUNGI)

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Analysis Method	Air Analysis			Air Analysis			Air Analysis			Intentionally Blank
Lab Sample #	52143550-1			52143550-2			52143550-3		3	
Sample Identification	23581314			24331283			24331269			
Sample Location	OUTSIDE			LIVING ROOM MAIN FLOOR			UPSTAIRS MASTER BEDROOM			
Sample Type / Metric	Air-O-Cell/150.0L			Air-O-Cell/150.0L			Air-O-Cell/150.0L			
Analysis Date	Mon July 17, 2017			Mon July 17, 2017			Mon July 17, 2017			
Determination	CONTROL			NORMAL			NORMAL			
Fungal Types Identified	Raw Count	Spores / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Spores / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Spores / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	
**Non-Problem Fungi										
Alternaria	20	134	5	1	7	1				
Ascospores	21	141	5	1	7	1				
Basidiospores	17	114	4	4	27	4	2	13	15	
Cladosporium	227	1,521	57	7	47	7	2	13	15	
Curvularia	1	7	<1							
Smut/Myxomycetes	109	730	27	85	570	86	9	60	69	
Total Spore Count	395	2,647	100	98	658	100	13	86	100	
Minimum Detection Limit	7			7			7			
Comments/Definitions Raw Count: Actual number of spores observed and counted. Spores/m <sup>3</sup> : Spores per cubic meter. % of Total: Percentage of a particular spore in relation to total number of spores. X: Spore type was observed. : Spore type was not observed.	CONTROL samples are normally taken outside a building to provide a baseline from which samples on the interior of the building are compared. Outside air is considered normal whatever the mold counts may be. LIGHT DEBRIS: The debris present in the sample likely had no effect on the accuracy of the mold count.			Mold counts are within a NORMAL RANGE and there is no indication, based on the mold counts, that there is any exposure concern to the occupants. The LIGHT DEBRIS present in the sample likely had no effect on the accuracy of the mold count.			Mold counts are within a NORMAL RANGE and there is no indication, based on the mold counts, that there is any exposure concern to the occupants. The LIGHT DEBRIS present in the sample likely had no effect on the accuracy of the mold count.			INTENTIONALLY BLANK

\*\* Non-Problem Fungi are less capable or do not grow on wetted building materials. They are commonly found in the air outside and infiltrate into indoor air naturally. High numbers of any one of these spore types as compared to the Control sample may indicate that they are growing on wetted building materials indoors.

#### Spore types not listed in this report were not observed.

**Background debris** estimates the amount of non-spore particles. Increasing amount of debris will affect the accuracy of the spore counts. Total percent may not equal 100% due to rounding.



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## **Mold Glossary**

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#### Introduction

All spores found in indoor air are also normally found in outdoor air because most originate or live in the soil and on dead or decaying plants. Therefore, it is not unusual to find mold spores in indoor air. This Mold Glossary is only intended to provide general information about the mold found in the samples that were provided to the laboratory.

Alternaria	
Outdoor Habitat:	One of the most commonly observed spores in the outdoor air worldwide, normally in low numbers.
Indoor Habitat:	Capable of growing on a wide variety of substrates and manufactured products found indoors when wetted.
Allergy Potential:	Type I (hay fever, asthma), Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis), Common cause of extrinsic asthma
	Not normally considered a pathogen, but can become so in immunocompromised persons.
<b>Toxin Potential:</b>	Several known
Comments:	One of the most common and potent allergens in the indoor and outdoor air. Seen in indoor air in low concentrations, probably as a result of outdoor air infiltration and/or recycling of settled dust.

#### Ascospores

	Soil and decaying vegetation, dead and dying insects. These spores constitute a
	large part of the spores in the air and can be found in the air in very large numbers in the spring and summer, especially during and up to three (3) days after a rain.
Indoor Habitat:	Very few of fungi that produce ascospores grow indoors. Some fungi that

- **Indoor Habitat:** Very few of fungi that produce ascospores grow indoors. Some fungi that produce ascospores are recognizable by their spores and when observed are listed under their own categories. Wetted wood and gypsum wallboard paper
- Allergy Potential: Depends on the type of fungus producing the ascospores.
- Disease Potential: Not normally pathogenic as a group

Toxin Potential: None known

**Comments:** Ascospores are produced from a very large group of fungi. Notable ascospores that are considered problematic for indoor environments are Chaetomium, Peziza, and Ascotricha. If these types of ascspores are observed they will be listed in the report under their own names.



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Basidiospores	
Outdoor Habitat:	These are mushroom spores and are common everywhere, especially in the late summer and fall.
Indoor Habitat:	Very wet wood products, especially on footer plates, basements, and crawlspaces. Sometimes mushrooms can be observed growing in potted plants indoors.
Allergy Potential:	Rarely reported, but some Type I (hay fever, asthma) and Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis) has been reported.
<b>Disease Potential:</b>	None known
<b>Toxin Potential:</b>	None known
Comments:	This group includes wood rotting fungi, including dry rot (Serpula and Poria) that are especially destructive to buildings. However, if these types of spores (dry rot group) are observed in the sample they are listed under their own names on the report.

#### Cladosporium

Outdoor Habitat:	Cladosporium is one of the most common environmental fungi observed worldwide. Soil and decaying vegetation. Cladosporium herbarum and C. cladosporioides are among the most frequently encountered species, both in outdoor and indoor environments
Indoor Habitat:	Wetted wood and gypsum wallboard paper, paper products, textiles, rubber, window sills
Allergy Potential:	Type I (hay fever, asthma) - an important and common outdoor allergen
Disease Potential:	Opportunistic pathogen in immunocompromised persons, not normally a pathogen in healthy individuals. Cladosporium are some of the most common species reported as indoor contaminants, occasionally linked to health problems.
<b>Toxin Potential:</b>	Two known, but not highly toxic
Comments:	The most commonly reported spore in the outdoor air worldwide. An important and common allergen source.

#### Curvularia

Outdoor Habitat: Soil and decaying vegetation

- Indoor Habitat: Wetted wood and gypsum wallboard paper, many cellulytic substrates
- Allergy Potential: Type I (hay fever, asthma), common cause of allergenic rhinitis
- Disease Potential: Potential human pathogen in immunocompromised people
  - Toxin Potential: None known
    - Comments: None



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#### Smut/Myxomycetes

**Outdoor Habitat:** Soil and decaying vegetation and wood, especially dead stumps and bark **Indoor Habitat:** Not known to grow indoors, sometimes found on firewood

Allergy Potential: Type I (hay fever, asthma), rare

Disease Potential: None known

Toxin Potential: None known

**Comments:** These two groups are difficult to distinguish due to their "round, brown" morphology. Smuts are especially common in the environment and can be see in indoor air samples even during the winter in homes because the spores can get trapped in carpets