

# WONDER MAKERS ENVIRONMENTAL

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## Water Damaged Buildings – Seeing the Big Picture Part 2 – Source Removal

In our previous newsletter we introduced the concept of the big picture related to water-damaged buildings. We also offered an illustration to show how the occupant of a water-damaged structure often has to cope with medical, emotional, legal, and financial concerns in addition to the technical parts of the situation. Follow [this link](#) if you need another look at that clarifying chart or if you missed the previous newsletter.

Providing information in an easy-to-understand Q & A format, we will build on the six questions that were addressed previously, relating to the connection between water-damaged buildings and health effects. [Click here](#) to see that earlier information.

In this edition we will start to narrow down the big picture to specific crucial facets, and focus on the primary environmental aspect of dealing with water-damaged buildings: removal of sources of microbial growth. [This link](#) will take you to responses to the following questions:

- Q 7.** Is there an accepted approach to conducting a mold remediation project?
- Q 8.** Do sensitized individuals need to have remediation projects completed in a way that is "beyond normal"?
- Q 9.** Specifically, what are some of the key points that contractors need to watch when completing projects for sensitized individuals?
- Q 10.** What is the proper way to evaluate the effectiveness of source removal work in buildings occupied by sensitized individuals?

The next edition of the newsletter will offer practical tips for dealing with water-damaged buildings that are occupied by people whose health have been compromised, and will include proper methods for dealing with contents that have been exposed to microbial contaminants.

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

#### [Certified Mold Professional](#)

February 3-5: West Palm Beach, FL

#### [Mold Remediation Technician](#)

February 24-26: Kalamazoo, MI

April 14-16: Kalamazoo, MI

#### [Mold Remediation Supervisor](#)

March 3-4: Kalamazoo, MI

#### [Mold Refresher](#)

May 6: Las Vegas, NV

For complete schedule see:

[WonderMakers.com/Education](http://WonderMakers.com/Education)

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## Ebola Guidelines Offered by Environmental Contractors Association of New York City

Just about the time that everyone thinks the Ebola threat has been eradicated in the United States, reports pop up of hospital admissions of other individuals suspected of carrying the virus. While suspected cases recently reported in Illinois, Colorado, and California tested negative, the possibility still exists for infected people to arrive in North America. The global nature of modern travel and the brave work of medical professionals from the United States assisting the hardest hit areas in Africa mean that the potential for Ebola exposure on this side of the Atlantic is ever present.

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Rather than being fearful of this possibility the Environmental Contractors Association (ECA) of New York City has taken the step of developing specific response guidelines for restoration contractors. This document is important because it focuses on environmental clean-up of ordinary places like schools, stores, transportation vehicles, etc., as compared to the many recommendations that are available for medical facilities. The ECA has generously decided to share this detailed document with the public. The team at Wonder Makers is proud to have assisted them with its development. [Click here to see a copy of the guidelines.](#)

## Did You Know?

As part of Wonder Makers' commitment to helping people solve their environmental, health, and safety problems, Michael Pinto, CEO, is serving as a volunteer on the Board of Directors of the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA). His three-year term expires in March and he has been nominated for another term. Currently, the board is working toward a merger with ASHRAE.

If you are a member of IAQA Michael would appreciate your vote.

## New Class Announced for Contractors and Individuals Interested in Learning About Remediation in Structures with Sensitized Occupants

**Course:** Remediation for Sensitized Individuals

**Description:** There is a critical need for environmental contractors who are specifically trained to help sensitized people find a safe haven in their homes. This one-day technical seminar is designed for mold remediation contractors, cleaning companies, inspectors, and others who are serious about assisting sensitized people. It offers a comprehensive approach to these challenging situations by addressing every aspect of a mold remediation project, including source removal, content cleaning, decontamination of HVAC systems, and elimination of microbial reservoirs from the entire structure.

While many contractors advertise services that address water-damaged buildings, few of them have taken the time to study the ever expanding science related to building contaminants and health, or even the latest remediation techniques. Since a growing group of physicians are specializing in biotoxin illness related to water-damaged buildings, restoration and cleaning contractors are being called upon to assist with projects where their effectiveness has a direct impact on the health of the occupants.

In such cases both the clients and the contractor are learning the hard way that standard mold remediation protocols are not enough. This training program bridges the gaps in the current standard of care for fungal remediation to help those people battling to regain their health after a biotoxin illness by linking them with contractors that understand the ramifications of their actions.

In the past, one of the most difficult aspects of addressing the environmental component of a biotoxin illness is that even good contractors were not sure how to determine whether an occupied space was "clean enough" after remediation. Contractors who complete this new program will learn of specific endpoints that have been shown to be beneficial for sensitized individuals.

### **Pre-Requisite:**

**Six-part webinar - A Practical Approach to Assisting Sensitized Individuals**

### **Course Details:**

February 16, 2015 -Atascadero, California

**Cost:** \$750 per registrant

Quantity discount - \$50 off each fee for 3 or more registrants from same company

**To Register:** Call Wonder Makers Environmental - 269-382-4154

**More Information:** For a full course outline and other details, call Wonder Makers Environmental at 269-382-4154 or visit [WonderMakers.com](http://WonderMakers.com).

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