

WONDER MAKERS ENVIRONMENTAL

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Knowing How to Use the Tools in Your Toolbox – Particularly When It Involves

Environmental Sampling

One of the core aspects of Wonder Makers Environmental's mission statement is "integration of technical excellence and common sense into all our decisions". While this seems to be fairly straightforward, it can create complexities as the environmental industry advances on the scientific front.

"A Quick Primer on the Perils of Using ERMI Samples for Post-Remediation Verification for Mold Projects" is an article that was recently prepared by the team at Wonder Makers. It deals with the fascinating subject of the EPA's Environmental Relative Moldiness Index (ERMI). The article is a great example of living out our mission statement because it helps to lay out many of the abuses that are cropping up in connection with this ever-so-promising technology.

While there are many good applications of ERMI samples, our article focuses on some of the problems. It all goes back to understanding how to use the tools in your toolbox. Just like when construction equipment evolved from a hammer to a power nailer and both the benefits and risks to the operator increased, inspectors and occupants that use powerful sampling tools without understanding crucial details of the operation run a higher risk of misusing the data and hurting themselves.

Visit our website to read the article:

<http://www.wondermakers.com/Education/Articles/QuickReferencesforContractors.aspx>.

ASHRAE and IAQA Join Forces

ASHRAE and the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA) have agreed to join forces and combine their resources to improve indoor air quality in the built environment. IAQA will become a part of the ASHRAE organization while maintaining its own brand and Board of Directors and operating independently within ASHRAE's organizational structure. The agreement was reached between the leadership of both associations and confirmed at ASHRAE's 2014 Annual Conference that concluded earlier this month in Seattle, Washington.

At Wonder Makers we are proud to support both of those great organizations through professional membership. Our efforts in encouraging enhanced indoor air quality also extend to many hours of voluntary service to IAQA by our CEO who is serving a three-year term on the Board of Directors. Feel free to contact us to learn more about either ASHRAE or IAQA.

Visit this webpage for the full message from IAQA's president:

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs110/1103369848473/archive/1117934307855.html>

Did You Know?

The goal of mold remediation is NOT to remove all mold spores from inside a building, room, or area. The goal IS to return a contaminated indoor space to a normal fungal ecology.

Simply put, "normal fungal ecology" is a term that describes an indoor environment that is not contaminated. There may be settled spores, fungal fragments, or even traces of actual growth present, but their identity, location, and quantity are reflective of what would be considered normal for a similar indoor environment.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Mold Remediation Technician

August 4-6: New York, New York

Mold Remediation Supervisor

August 7-8: New York, New York

A Practical Approach to Assisting Sensitized Individuals

Six-part webinar on Tuesdays and Thursdays in August

Mold Remediation Technician

September 8-10: Kalamazoo, MI

CIRI's Supervisor/Assessor for ISSA's Clean Standard: K-12

October 3: PRL Expo in Toronto,

Certified Mold Professional

October 28-30, 2014 – Clinton Twp, MI

Training Updates

1. Prepare now for the Certified Mold Professional class (scheduled for October 28-30) by completing the Mold Remediation Technician and Mold Remediation Supervisor classes in August or September.
2. A growing population has become sensitized to mold and other contaminants, and it is crucial that both restoration contractors and the impacted people know how to approach such situations. Join us for a six-part webinar series, A Practical Approach to Assisting Sensitized Individuals, offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of August, with the first one on August 12. Visit this site for full details: <http://esporta.ca/moldwebinarseries>.

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