

# **ELIMINATE MOLD RISK**

FOR THE COST OF A GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

Control of Moisture & Mold Prevention (COMMP®) Program

Property Managers | Hotel Managers | General Contractors | Facility Managers | Building Owners

- ⇒ Proactive monthly inspections
- ⇒ Written plan
- ⇒ Mold-Free certification
- ⇒ Protect project schedules
- ⇒ Reduce liability exposure

#### **O&M ACTION PLANS**

- Targeting prone areas
- Best practices
- Industry guidelines

#### **TRAINING & EDUCATION**

- Managers & Superintendents
- Annual Training

#### **DESIGN & PLANNING**

- Management Planning
- Evidentiary Tools

#### COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENTATION

- On-Site Record Keeping
- Inspection Forms
- Water Intrusion Response Forms

#### **DURING CONSTRUCTION**

- Monthly Inspections
- Inspection Progress Reports
- Water Intrusion/Mold Response Management
- Water Incident Tracking
- Mold-Free Certification Letter

## **COMMP®** saves time & money.

Mold claims & settlements are a serious issue, including personal injury claims related to:

- Occupational exposure
- · Habitability claims in rental housing
- Nosocomial infections in hospitals

**COMMP** helps protect against liability & safeguards your bottom line.

\$3.5 billion

Annual economic costs in the U.S. from mold-related infectious diseases, hypersensitivity diseases & toxic effects. (U.S. EPA)

\$20 billion

Potential annual economic benefit of reducing dampness & mold — increased productivity, reduced Sick Building Syndrome symptoms, reduced absences & improved thermal comfort. (NIH)

60%

Percentage of allergies triggered by common molds in susceptible persons. Exposure to fungi among hypersensitivity persons increased chances of a fatal asthma attack.

## \$1.8 million

personal injury awarded to a New Jersey teacher due to mold-related illness. (2016)

## \$7.7 million

verdict awarded to owners of 216 condominium units in South Carolina. (2011)

## \$4.75 million

award against a builder for personal injuries to Virginia homeowner related to mold exposure. (2009)

### \$22.6 million

settlement paid by lumber company, home contractors & suppliers to a family for mold-related illness. (2005)



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The Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) emphasizes the importance of mold control.

## **Guidance for Commercial Properties:**

Critical to this is employers knowing the hazards of mold, developing an effective remediation plan, applying effective controls, work practices ... and training employees to recognize & protect themselves against mold.

# **Guidance for Residential Housing:**

Prevention, management & effective remediation are essential. Interventions that combine remediation with elimination of moisture intrusion & leaks can alleviate respiratory symptoms as well as new-onset asthma.