

## BEFORE YOU HIRE AN AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST READ THIS

Dear valued customer,

Since super storm Sandy in October 2012 it has come to my attention that there is an increasing number of inappropriately trained so-called professionals conducting mold inspections and indoor air quality assessments. On too many occasions to remember I have personally seen incidences of misrepresentation of experience and certifications, poor inspection techniques, poor sampling methodology, no insurance, conflicts of interest and the list goes on and on.

As a trained professional in this industry for over 10 years I feel it is imperative to inform all my potential clients to take the time to evaluate potential mold professionals experience and credentials and not fall victim to a smooth sales pitch or worse scare tactics.

Studies have shown that most people spend 90% of their time in indoor environments. Indoor air quality (IAQ) issues impact the lives of people across the globe. Problems with poor air quality in buildings and homes can result in health concerns, liability issue, lost productivity, and decreased property values.

IAQ problems in non-industrial buildings, such as homes, schools and offices are often caused by complex, inter-related issues. Diagnosing and fixing the sources of poor IAQ may require the professional expertise of one or more consultants or contractors. It is important that individuals be highly qualified to fully investigate, identify and/or mitigate the total problem according to recognized industry standards and guidelines. Verification of contracting or remediation work, if requested, should be conducted by an equally qualified third-party consultant.

Many firms are available today to help find solutions to IAQ problems. However, in most parts of the country the IAQ industry is not regulated. Therefore, it is important to make sure that you utilize a qualified professional.

The good news is there is an easy way to make sure that only qualified individuals and firms deal with these complex problems. The largest organization of trades and professionals dealing with IAQ issues is the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA).

Since 1995, IAQA has delivered the industry's most prestigious and respected IAQ and mold training programs. Many IAQA course alumni with sufficient experience and knowledge have also become certified by the American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC), a prestigious, independent certification body for the industry. These trained and certified professionals are available to resolve your IAQ issues.

Thank You in advance for your consideration,

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