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## **SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY**

Location:	A1: 2nd Floor hall, return					
Comments (see holow)	2nd	,	return	Liv	Living room, center	
Comments (see below)	None		None			
Lab ID-Version‡:		9618352-		9618353-1		
Analysis Date:		11/07/201	8	11/07/2018		
	raw ct.	% read	spores/m3	raw ct.	% read	spores/m3
Ascospores				2	100	27
Basidiospores	10	100	130	10	100	130
Chaetomium						
Cladosporium	3	100	40	5	100	67
Curvularia						
Epicoccum						
Fusarium						
Myrothecium						
Nigrospora				1	100	13
Other colorless						
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	4	100	53	10	100	130
Pithomyces						
Rusts				2	100	27
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes				1	100	13
Stachybotrys						
Stemphylium						
Torula						
Ulocladium						
Zygomycetes						
Background debris (1-4+) <sup>††</sup>	2+			3+		
Hyphal fragments/m3	40			53		
Pollen/m3	< 13			< 13		
Skin cells (1-4+)	2+			2+		
Sample volume (liters)	75			75		
§ TOTAL SPORES/m3			230			410

**Comments:** 

Spore types listed without a count or data entry were not detected during the course of the analysis for the respective sample, indicating a raw count of <1 spore.

<sup>†</sup> The spores of *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* (and others such as *Acremonium, Paecilomyces*) are small and round with very few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods. Also, some species with very small spores are easily missed, and may be undercounted.

 $\dagger$  Background debris indicates the amount of non-biological particulate matter present on the trace (dust in the air) and the resulting visibility for the analyst. It is rated from 1+ (low) to 4+ (high). Counts from areas with 4+ background debris should be regarded as minimal counts and may be higher than reported. It is important to account for samples volumes when evaluating dust levels.

The analytical sensitivity is the spores/m<sup>3</sup> divided by the raw count, expressed in spores/m<sup>3</sup>. The limit of detection is the analytical sensitivity (in spores/m<sup>3</sup>) multiplied by the sample volume (in liters) divided by 1000 liters.

For more information regarding analytical sensitivity, please contact QA by calling the laboratory.

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Location:		A3:				
	Basement, center					
Comments (see below)	None					
Lab ID-Version <sup>‡</sup> :	9618354-1					
Analysis Date:	11/07/2018					
	raw ct.	% read	spores/m3			
Ascospores						
Basidiospores	10	100	130			
Chaetomium						
Cladosporium	3	100	40			
Curvularia						
Epicoccum						
Fusarium						
Myrothecium						
Nigrospora						
Other colorless						
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	17	100	230			
Pithomyces						
Rusts						
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes						
Stachybotrys						
Stemphylium						
Torula						
Ulocladium						
Zygomycetes						
Background debris (1-4+)††	1+					
Hyphal fragments/m3	27					
Pollen/m3	< 13					
Skin cells (1-4+)	1+					
Sample volume (liters)	75					
§ TOTAL SPORES/m3			400			

**Comments:** 

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## DIRECT MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION REPORT

Background Debris and/or Description	Miscellaneous Spores Present*	MOLD GROWTH: Molds seen with underlying mycelial and/or sporulating structures†	Other Comments††	General Impression				
Lab ID-Version <sup>‡</sup> : 9618349-1, Analysis Date: 11/07/2018: Swab sample S1: Kitchen, wall cavity								
Light	Very few	None	None	Normal trapping				
Lab ID-Version: 9618350-1, Analysis Date: 11/07/2018: Swab sample S2: Master bathroom, above shower								
Light	Very few	None	None	Normal trapping				
Lab ID-Version: 9618351-1, Analysis Date: 11/07/2018: Swab sample S3: Crawl, joist								
Light	Very few	None	None	Normal trapping				

\* Indicative of normal conditions, i.e. seen on surfaces everywhere. Includes basidiospores (mushroom spores), myxomycetes, plant pathogens such as ascospores, rusts and smuts, and a mix of saprophytic genera with no particular spore type predominating. Distribution of spore types seen mirrors that usually seen outdoors.

† Quantities of molds seen growing are listed in the MOLD GROWTH column and are graded <1+ to 4+, with 4+ denoting the highest numbers.

<sup>††</sup> Some comments may refer to the following: Most surfaces collect a mix of spores which are normally present in the outdoor environment. At times it is possible to note a skewing of the distribution of spore types, and also to note "marker" genera which may indicate indoor mold growth. Marker genera are those spore types which are present normally in very small numbers, but which multiply indoors when conditions are favorable for growth.

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The limit of detection is < 1+ when mold growth is detected.