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Client: American Mold Experts

C/O: Mr Bill Nicoll, cmi

Re: Edwards, Pretest

Date of Sampling: 08-24-2018

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## SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY

Location:	A1: 2nd floor hall, return			A2:		
			return	Living room, center		center
Comments (see below)	None		None			
Lab ID-Version‡:	9376023-1		9376024-1			
Analysis Date:	08/27/2018			08/27/2018		
	raw ct.	% read	spores/m3	raw ct.	% read	spores/m3
Alternaria				3	100	40
Ascospores	8	100	110	3	100	40
Basidiospores	11	100	150	8	100	110
Bipolaris/Drechslera group	1	100	13			
Chaetomium						
Choanephora	1	100	13			
Cladosporium	23	100	310	7	100	93
Curvularia				1	100	13
Epicoccum	1	100	13	2	100	27
Oidium						
Other brown	1	100	13			
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	33	100	440	78	100	1,000
Pithomyces	2	100	27	3	100	40
Rusts						
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	3	100	40	2	100	27
Stachybotrys						
Stemphylium						
Torula						
Ulocladium						
Zygomycetes						
Background debris (1-4+)††	2+			2+		
Hyphal fragments/m3	< 13			93		
Pollen/m3	13			27		
Skin cells (1-4+)	1+			1+		
Sample volume (liters)	75			75		
§ TOTAL SPORES/m3			1,100			1,400

## **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.

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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<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.

<sup>††</sup>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.

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<sup>§</sup> Total Spores/m3 has been rounded to two significant figures to reflect analytical precision.

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## SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY

Location:	A3: Basement, center					
Comments (see below)	A					
Lab ID-Version‡:	9376025-1					
Analysis Date:	08/27/2018					
	raw ct.	% read	spores/m3			
Alternaria						
Ascospores	1	100	13			
Basidiospores	4	100	53			
Bipolaris/Drechslera group						
Chaetomium						
Choanephora						
Cladosporium	7	100	93			
Curvularia						
Epicoccum						
Oidium	1	100	13			
Other brown						
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	24,360	100	320,000			
Pithomyces	1	100	13			
Rusts						
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes	1	100	13			
Stachybotrys	2	100	27			
Stemphylium						
Torula						
Ulocladium						
Zygomycetes						
Background debris (1-4+)††	1+					
Hyphal fragments/m3	160					
Pollen/m3	< 13					
Skin cells (1-4+)	< 1+					
Sample volume (liters)	75					
§ TOTAL SPORES/m3			330,000			

Comments: A) 1 Aspergillus conidiophore detected.

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## DIRECT MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION REPORT

Background Debris and/or	Miscellaneous Spores Present*	MOLD GROWTH: Molds seen with underlying mycelial and/or	Other Comments††	General Impression				
Description	1	sporulating structures†		1				
Lab ID-Version‡: 9376020-1, Analysis Date: 08/27/2018: Swab sample S1: Ktchen, behind sink								
Light	Very few	4+ Aspergillus species (spores, hyphae, conidiophores)	Moderate amounts of Basidiospores detected.	Mold growth				
Lab ID-Version: 9376021-1, Analysis Date: 08/27/2018: Swab sample S2: Master bathrom, above shower								
Light	Very few	2+ <i>Cladosporium</i> species (spores, hyphae)	None	Mold growth				
Lab ID-Version: 9376022-1, Analysis Date: 08/27/2018: Swab sample S3: Crawl, joist								
Light	Very few	2+ Penicillium/Aspergillus group (spores, hyphae)	None	Mold growth				

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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<sup>†</sup> 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.

 $<sup>\</sup>ddagger$  A "Version" indicated by -"x" after the Lab ID# with a value greater than 1 indicates a sample with amended data. The revision number is reflected by the value of "x". The limit of detection is < 1+ when mold growth is detected.