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AIHA[®] Releases Position Statement on Mold

FALLS CHURCH, VA, (April 5, 2013) —The American Industrial Hygiene Association[®] (AIHA) has released “Position Statement On Mold and Dampness in the Built Environment,” which defines AIHA’s stance that persistent dampness and mold damage in the non-industrial workplace, including schools and residential housing, requires prevention, management and effective remediation.

Since 1996, AIHA has been a leader in the development of information and best practices on the management of mold and dampness problems in the built environment. This information has been relied upon by officials who develop and enforce public policy on indoor environmental quality (IEQ) for the non-industrial workplace, including schools. AIHA has also provided accessible information for individuals to enable more informed choices.

AIHA supports efforts to ensure that individuals who perform mold investigations and remediation are properly trained in the occupational and environmental hazards in buildings for all hazards. Qualified persons should be utilized for designing and managing mold assessments, directing others who perform initial mold assessments, writing protocols for mold remediation, and conducting post-remediation inspections. This may include Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH) and/or Registered Occupational Hygienists (ROH) with the specific education, training, and experience in microbial contamination.

For access to the “Position Statement On Mold and Dampness in the Built Environment,” please visit <http://www.aiha.org/news-pubs/govtaffairs/Documents/P-Mold-03-26-13.pdf>.

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