



UNIVERSITY SAFETY OFFICE

SUBJECT: Mold Remediation Program

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the procedure is to provide guidance on how to remediate active mold growth inside occupied buildings.

II. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all SHSU owned and leased buildings.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions. This policy does not apply to:

(1) the following activities when not conducted for the purpose of mold assessment or mold remediation:

(A) routine cleaning;

(B) the diagnosis, repair, cleaning, or replacement of plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, or air duct systems or appliances;

(C) commercial or residential real estate inspections; and

(D) the incidental discovery or emergency containment of potential mold contamination during the conduct or performance of services listed in this subsection. For purposes of this section, an emergency exists if a delay in mold remediation services in response to a water damage occurrence would increase mold contamination;

(2) the repair, replacement, or cleaning of construction materials during the building phase of the construction of a structure;

(3) the standard performance of custodial activities for, preventive maintenance of, and the routine assessment of property owned or operated by a governmental entity; or

(4) a pest control inspection conducted by a person regulated under the Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1951 (relating to Structural Pest Control).

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. THE UNIVERSITY SAFETY OFFICE

The Safety Coordinator shall investigate mold growths and determine remediation action based on The Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules. The Safety Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating mold remediation work.

B. DEANS, DIRECTORS, DEPARTMENT HEADS

Shall be responsible for reporting mold growth inside SHSU buildings to Physical Plant Work Control.

C. SUPERVISORS

Shall be responsible for reporting mold growth inside SHSU buildings to Physical Plant Work Control.

D. EMPLOYEES

Shall be responsible for reporting mold growth inside SHSU buildings to Physical Plant Work Control.

V. REQUIREMENTS

Any mold growth that is 25 contiguous square feet or larger shall be remediated according to the Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules. Areas of mold growth smaller than 25 contiguous can be cleaned by SHSU personnel.

VI. TRAINING

The Safety Coordinator shall follow the rules set forth by the State of Texas for Mold Assessment Technicians. SHSU personnel assigned to mold remediation work shall use the following precautions:

- 1) A disinfectant or biocide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for mold remediation.
- 2) Rubber, nitrile or other impervious glove while using cleaner.
- 3) N-95 dust respirator when needed.