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Greetings:

Because some of the members of the task force are closely associated with the CCB, I have decided to pass on a copy of the e-mail that I wrote to Craig Smith today.

Please consider this a formal submission to the task force and I request that it be included in the submitted materials. Please do not forget to include the attachment.

Thank you. I wrote the following

Craig, I read the September CCB minutes with considerable disappointment.

Mr. Cliff Harkins stated that the EPA says there is no such thing as toxic mold.
Mr. Gable referenced an AGC white paper on mold.

Talk about your "head in the sand" positions.

Mold is a health hazard, particularly those marker taxa molds that feed on cellulose and are often prevalent on construction materials. Certain molds are toxigenic. They emit mycotoxins. Certain mycotoxins have been implicated in causing cancers for decades.

There is a great book put out by Dr. Kaye Kilburn of USC Medical Center. It is entitled "Mold and Mycotoxins"

There is also a good work called "Sick Building Syndrome" I have both and consult them frequently

The construction industry is in denial about mold. Their position is much like that of tobacco companies which, for many decades, denied that cigarettes caused cancer.

History will show that the construction industry is on the losing end of that issue.

But they are presently playing the denial game so they can get their moldy buildings through statute of limitations and statute of repose periods while trying to come up with mold resistant materials in the future. I am not making this up.

I am attaching a recent blind study on mycotoxins.

The CCB needs to educate itself about mold and the dangers of wet construction materials if it hopes to ever say with a straight face that it exists to protect consumers.

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