

1. MOLD

1.1 PURPOSE

Mold spores primarily cause health problems when they enter the air and are inhaled in large numbers. To inform contractors of their responsibility when performing renovations and construction at NSU buildings and how to deal with mold when encountered.

1.2 MOLD

Molds, a type of fungi, are found both indoors and outdoors. Molds can grow on a variety of things including; wood, leather, cloth, carpets, sheet rock, drywall, flooring and insulation. It is possible for people to become exposed to molds and their products, either by direct contact on surfaces, or through the air. Certain types of mold produce toxins which can cause allergic reactions and produce flu-like symptoms.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

All Contractors before starting any projects of repair, renovation or construction that may impact mold are required to perform the following:

- 1) Contractor are to meet with Facilities Management and the EH&S office to obtain the locations of mold in the work area if applicable.
- 2) If the Contractor's employees encounter mold, they are to stop work immediately and notify Facilities Management and the EH&S office.
- 3) All Contractor's employees and Subcontractors are to have the appropriate level of mold awareness training.
- 4) Contactors should fully enclose a structure before installing insulation, drywall, or other materials to prevent mold growth. The enclosure should prevent rain or other moisture from infiltrating the work area and creating water damage or affecting building materials.
- 5) Temporary enclosures such as tarps or permanent measures such as installing windows, exterior walls, and roofs before installing drywall and insulation could satisfy this requirement.

1.4 REGULATION

Currently, there are no federal, state or local regulations for evaluating potential health effects of fungal contamination and mold remediation.

1.5 ACCOUNTABILITY

All contactors will be responsible for complying with the guidelines as described above. Contractors are to communicate to their employees and Subcontractors all the guidelines and relevant information. All work shall be performed in accordance with University policies and procedures as well as all applicable laws and regulations.