

In Article II, add the following language to the appropriately numbered rider under the appropriations to the Department of Health (II-33):

55. Mold Review.

a. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3 regarding Environmental Health, the department shall conduct a review of scientific information related to indoor mold that addresses the types of mold that may be harmful to the health of humans in an indoor environment. The review shall determine the mechanisms available to accomplish the following: measure mold in an indoor environment, identify concentration levels of mold that have been associated with health effects in humans, identify correlations between exposure levels and negative health effects, identify a safe human occupancy exposure range based on the best available science, recommend a system for removing mold, and determine the time frames for re-evaluating clean sites.

b. In conducting the review, the department may survey existing scientific literature relating to indoor mold, statistically analyze existing data, and consult with appropriate state and federal agencies and appropriate scientific and medical experts.

c. No later than December 1, 2004, the department shall report the results of the review conducted under this Act to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives. The report must identify areas in which future research is needed.