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New company opens in Marshfield; Indoor Environmental to test, treat mold and moisture problems with “green” solutions

MARSHFIELD, MA, ISSUED MAY 18, 2010...Indoor Environmental (www.indoor-environmental.com), a company providing mold inspection and remediation, as well as treatment for moisture problems, has opened its doors on the South Shore.

The new company provides inspections and testing for mold and moisture, as well as remediation of the problem. Indoor Environmental holds Certified Mold Inspection (CMI) and Certified Mold Remediation Contractor (CMRC) designation, and serves a client base that includes residential home and apartment owners, businesses, municipal facilities and schools. Indoor Environmental’s market includes Metro Boston, the South Shore and Cape Cod.

The company is the creation of two brothers, Bob Bowen of Marshfield and his brother Jim of Pembroke. The Randolph natives each bring unique skills to the new venture. Jim Bowen is a 25 year veteran of the construction industry, a licensed contractor who is experienced in both construction and deconstruction under his company name, J.P. Bowen Construction of Pembroke. Bob Bowen, who will serve as Operations Manager for the new company, brings a strong business background to the venture. His resume includes having owned and operated a distribution/manufacturing company in the food industry and serving a seven-station region, as well as work in the mortgage and lending industries, in both the wholesale and retail sectors.

His experience in the field of lending, where he came in contact directly with the real estate market, is in part what led him in the new direction. In establishing Indoor Environmental, the principals have developed an environmentally-friendly business model, being one of the few in the industry that can claim the “green” mantra. In building their business, they have obtained exclusive regional to use a natural, organic product for the treatment of mold. Made from plant enzymes, the Indoor Environmental treatment differs from many traditional mold treatments which require chemicals. The Indoor Environmental product is safe for humans and animals; at the conclusion of an application, all that is left is a barrier against further mold. Application and cleanup are both significantly simpler than traditional treatments and the product’s ability to penetrate areas that have been impacted by mold reduces the likelihood of needing to tear down and rebuild a wall, ceiling or affected area.

Bob Bowen, in explaining the product selection, said, “Our product eliminates mold – it doesn’t simply render it dormant.” The product is applied by a handheld fogger and the residence or building is suitable for occupation in only 24 hours as opposed to longer period of time with typical methods. The organic application is also particularly suited for all materials including sheetrock, and wallpaper, both of which are “mold-friendly.” The organic treatment greatly reduces and in most cases eliminates the need to remove and re-construct material. “The organic application in effect causes the mold to decompose,” Bowen added.

The company offers:

- Certified mold inspections on residential, commercial or municipal properties
- Mold inspection consulting and remediation
- Air treatment with an air scrubber
- Guarantee on all work and inspections
- Construction repair if and as needed

Mold growth can occur quickly, sometimes as soon as 24-48 hours after an incident, and is caused by any condition that results in excess moisture. The moisture sources can be from inside, or outside. Flooded basements, high humidity or a broken water pipe are apparent and easily detected examples, yet others cannot be seen because they originate from behind walls or under appliances. Musty odors are one indication of mold; others include visible signs of mold and mildew. Mold grows and develops spores which are released into the air. These spores can then travel to different rooms or floors, and when they land on a surface mold can grow. Physical symptoms such as sneezing, cough, runny nose, nasal congestion, itchy watery and red eyes, skin rashes or hives, sinus headaches, reduced lung capacity and difficulty breathing can be early signs of mold.

“Early detection and treatment can help avoid costly repairs down the road,” said Bowen, who notes that his company offers a complimentary, on-site evaluation.

About Indoor Environmental

Indoor Environmental (www.indoor-environmental.com) is a company dedicated to the early detection and organic treatment of problems in residences, commercial buildings and municipal structures resulting from moisture or mold. The company uses an organic product in treatment created from plant enzymes, resulting in a quicker turnaround time for treatment. The firm has CMI (Certified Mold Inspection) and CMCR (Certified Mold Construction Remediator) certifications from the IICRC (Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification), and additionally has a licensed builder/contractor on staff. For additional information on treatment, or to request additional information, contact Bob Bowen, Operations Manager, at 781-319-9888 or info@indoor-environmental.com