



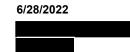
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#### Air Samples - Spore traps:

Spore traps are commercially available sampling devices that capture airborne particles on an adhesive slide. Air is pulled through the device using a vacuum pump. Spores, as well as other airborne particles, are impacted on the collection adhesive. Using spore trap collection methods has inherent limitations. These collection methods are biased towards larger spore sizes.

The analysis for total spore counts is a direct microscopic examination and does not include culturing or growing the fungi. Therefore, the results include both viable and non-viable spores. Some fungal groups produce similar spore types that cannot be distinguished by direct microscopic examination alone (i.e., *Aspergillus/Penicillium*, and others). Other spore types may lack distinguishing features that aid in their identification. These types are grouped into larger categories such as Ascospores or Basidiospores.

Fungal spores are identified and grouped by morphological characteristics including color, shape, septation, ornamentation, and fruiting structures (if present) which are compared to published mycological identification keys and texts. EMSL reports provide spore counts per cubic meter of air to three significant figures. Please note that each spore category is reported to three significant figures. Due to rounding and the application of three significant figures the sum of the individual spore numbers may not equal the total spore count on the report. EMSL does not maintain responsibility for final volume concentrations (counts/m3) since this volume is provided by the field collector and can not be verified by EMSL.

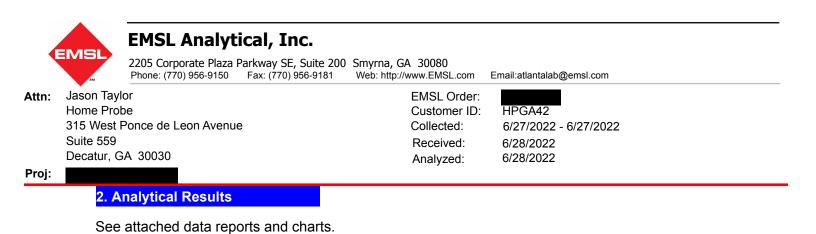
EMSL analyzes spore traps using phase contrast microscopy. There is a wide choice of collection devices (Air-O-Cell, Micro-5, Burkhard, etc.) on the market. Differences in analytical method may exist between spore trap devices.

Spore trap results are reported in spores per cubic meter of air. Due to the other airborne particles collected with the spores, EMSL reports a background particle density. Background density is an indication of overall particulate matter present on the sample (i.e. dust in the air). High background concentrations may obscure spores such as the *Penicillium/Aspergillus* group. The rating system is from 1-5 with 1 = 1 - 25% of the background obscured by material, 2 = 26 - 50%, 3 = 51 - 75%, 4 = 76% - 99%, 5 = 100% or overloaded. A background rating of 4 or higher should be regarded as a minimum count since the actual concentrations may be higher than those reported. EMSL will not be held responsible for overloading of samples. Sample volumes are left to the discretion of the company or persons conducting the fieldwork.

Skin fragment density is the percentage of skin cells making up the total background material, 1 = 1 - 25%, 2 = 26 - 50%, 3 = 51 - 75%, 4 = 76-100%. Skin fragment density is considered an indication of the general cleanliness in the area sampled. It has been estimated that up to 90% of household dust consists of dead skin cells.

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	Particle Identification	Raw Count	(Count/m <sup>3</sup> )	% of Total	Interpretation Guideline
072204335-0001	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-	
	Ascospores	15	660	12.5	*
Client Sample ID	Aspergillus/Penicillium	48	2100	39.7	*
34237886	Basidiospores	8	400	7.6	▲ 🗮
0.1201.000	Bipolaris++	-	2	-	
	Chaetomium++	9	2	12	
Location	Cladosporium	46	2000	37.8	*
Outdoor	Curvularia	-	-	(12)	
	Epicoccum	-	-	-	
Sample Volume (L)	Fusarium++	-	-	(.=)	
	Ganoderma	1*	10*	0.2	🔺 🗮
75	Myxomycetes++	1	40	0.8	▲ ** ▲ **
	Pithomyces++	-	~	-	
Sample Type	Rust	2	2	54 <u>0</u> 1	
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	2	<u> </u>	12). 	
Background	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	(12)	
Comments	Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	
	Zygomycetes	-	-	() <del>,</del>	
	Cercospora++	1	40	0.8	A
	Polythrincium	1	40	0.8	▲ ▲
	Spegazzinia	-	-	-	
	Total Fungi	121	5290	100	
	Hyphal Fragment	1	40	-	
	Insect Fragment	-	-	(12)	
	Pollen	-	-	-	

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Not commonly found growing indoors, spores likely come from outside.

Spores reported to be able to cause allergies in individuals.

Potential for mycotoxin production exists with these fungi.

These fungi are considered water damage indicators.

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	Particle Identification	Raw Count	(Count/m <sup>3</sup> )	% of Total	Interpretatio	on Guideline
072204335-0002	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	3*	40*	17.4	Slightly Elevated	* 😒
	Ascospores	-	-	-		
Client Sample ID	Aspergillus/Penicillium	-	-	-		
34237919	Basidiospores	-		-		
	Bipolaris++	2	90	39.1	Slightly Elevated	1 🗰 😒
	Chaetomium++	20	2	-		1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 - 1990 -
Location	Cladosporium	2	90	39.1	Acceptable	*
Lowest Level	Curvularia	20	-	1 ( <u>-</u> )		
	Epicoccum	-	-	(-)		
Sample Volume (L)	Fusarium++	-	-	-		
	Ganoderma	-	-	-		
75	Myxomycetes++	-	-	-		
	Pithomyces++	-	-	1.7		
Sample Type	Rust	20	2	-		
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	<u> </u>	828		
Inside	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	2	-	( <b>_</b> )		
Comments	Unidentifiable Spores	1*	10*	4.3	Slightly Elevated	
	Zygomycetes	-	-	-		
	Cercospora++	-	-	( <del></del> )		
	Polythrincium	-		-		
	Spegazzinia	-	-	10-11		
	Total Fungi	8	230	100	Acceptable	
	Hyphal Fragment	2*	30*	822	Acceptable	
	Insect Fragment	-	-	(L)		
	Pollen	1*	10*	(-)	Slightly Elevated	* *
Analytical Sensitivity 600x: 44 counts/cubic meter			Skin Fragment	s: 1 1 to 4 (	low to high)	
Analytical Sensit	ivity 300x *: 13* counts/cubic meter	ər	Fibrous Particulat		low to high)	
			Backgroun	1	low to high); 5 (overl pores likely come from outs	

ELEVATED Concentration 10X or more above background

These fungi are considered water damage indicators.

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Ganoderma-75Myxomycetes++Pithomyces++-Sample TypeRustInsideScopulariopsis/MicroascusStachybotrys/Memnoniella-Stachybotrys/Memnoniella-CommentsUnidentifiable Spores2Ygomycetes-Polythrincium-Spegazzinia1Hyphal Fragment-Insect Fragment1*		
Client Sample IDAspergillus/Penicillium234237922Basidiospores-Bipolaris++1*1LocationChaetomium++-LocationCladosporium-Middle LevelCurvularia-EpicoccumSample Volume (L)Fusarium++-Ganoderma75Myxomycetes++-Sample TypeRust-InsideStachybotrys/Mernoniella-CommentsUnidentifiable Spores-ZygomycetesPolythrinciumSpegazzinia1-Hyphal FragmentHyphal Fragment1*1*-	0 <del></del>	
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Acceptable Concentration at or below background	monly found growing indoors, spores likely come from a	utside.

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072204335-0004	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	( <del>4</del> )	
	Ascospores	1	40	1.9	Acceptable 🗮
Client Sample ID	Aspergillus/Penicillium	31	1400	66.4	Acceptable 🗮
34237887	Basidiospores	2	90	4.3	Acceptable A Slightly Elevated A A
	Bipolaris++	1*	10*	0.5	Slightly Elevated 🔺 🗰 🛃
	Chaetomium++	-	-	-	
Location	Cladosporium	12	530	25.1	Acceptable 🗮
Living Room Kitchen	Curvularia	1	40	1.9	Slightly Elevated 🔺 🗮
	Epicoccum	-	-	(H)	
Sample Volume (L)	Fusarium++	-	-	-	
	Ganoderma	5	-		
75	Myxomycetes++	=	-	1.77	
	Pithomyces++	<b>D</b>	<b>1</b>	1973	
Sample Type	Rust	2	2	-	
La state	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	2	12	
Inside	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	
Comments	Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	( <del>-</del> )	
	Zygomycetes	-	-	-	
	Cercospora++	51	-	( <del>-</del> -	
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ELEVATED Concentration 10X or more above background

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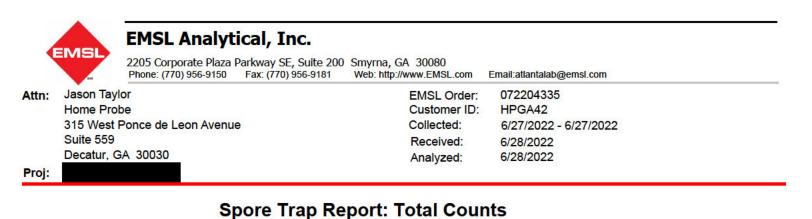
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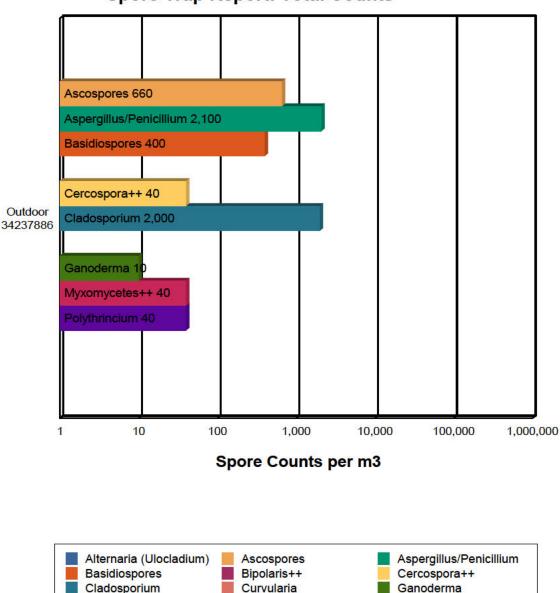
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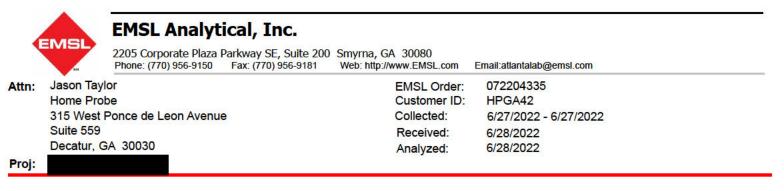
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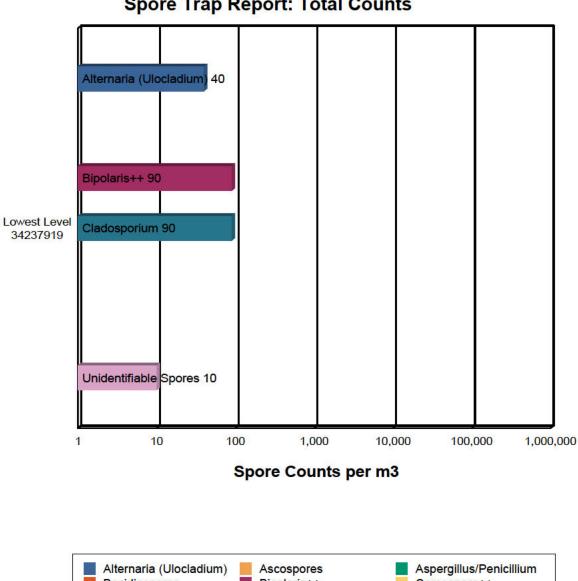
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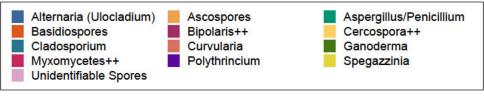
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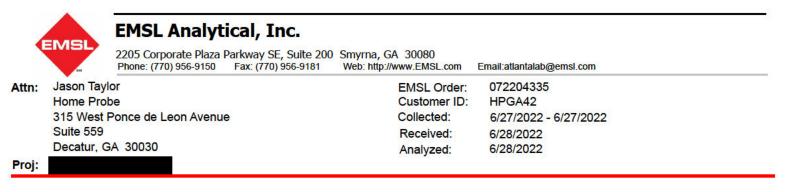


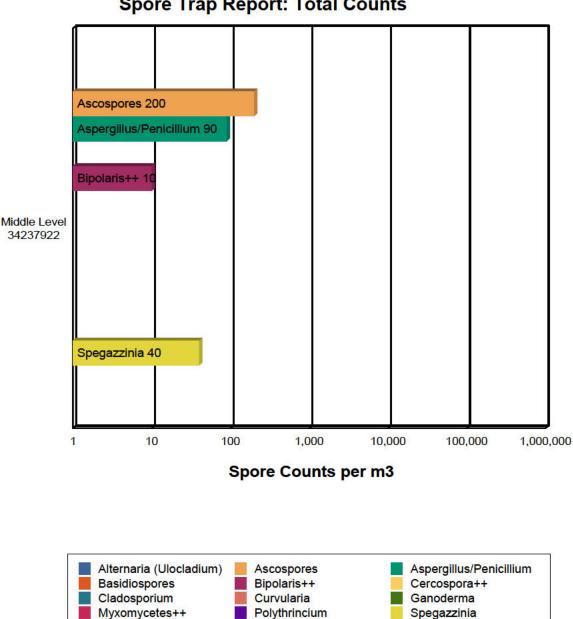
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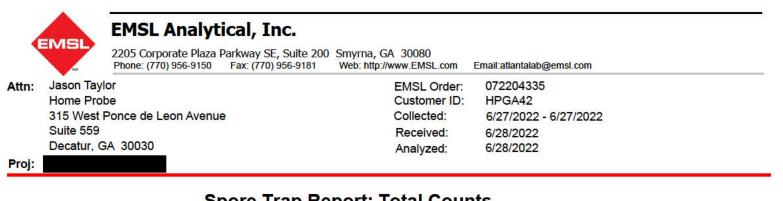


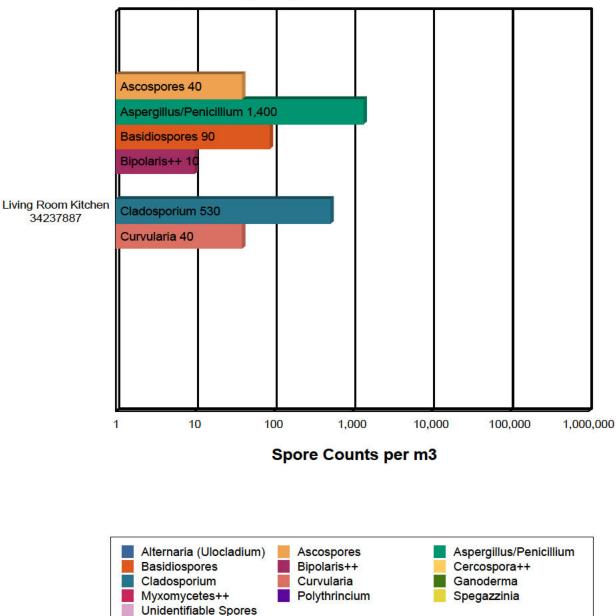
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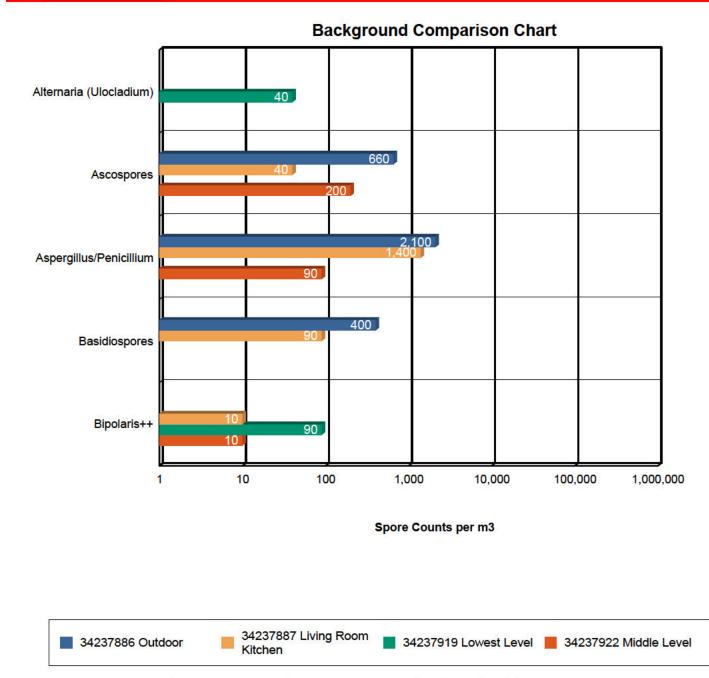


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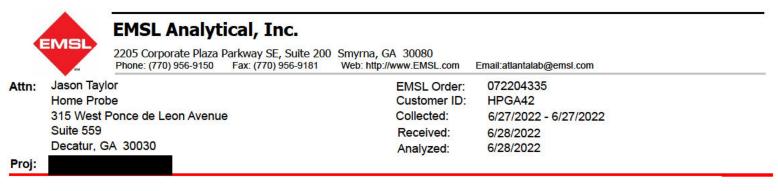
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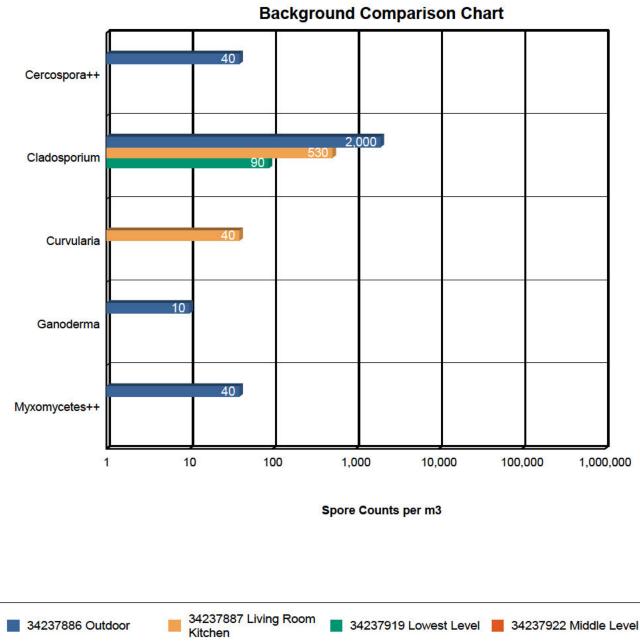
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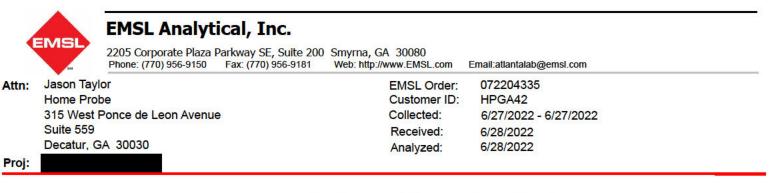
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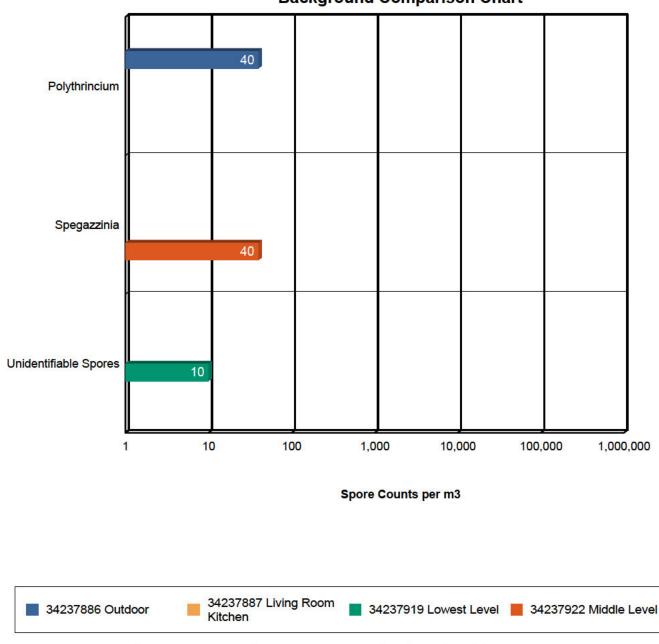




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**Background Comparison Chart** 

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#### 3. Understanding the Results

EMSL Analytical, Inc. is an independent laboratory, providing unbiased and scientifically valid results. These data represent only a portion of an overall IAQ investigation. Visual information and environmental conditions measured during the site assessment (humidity, moisture readings, etc.) are crucial to any final interpretation of the results. Many factors impact the final results; therefore, result interpretation should only be conducted by qualified individuals. The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) has published a good reference book covering sampling and data interpretation. It is entitled, <u>Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control</u>, 1999.

Fungal spores are found everywhere. Whether or not symptoms develop in people exposed to fungi depends on the nature of the fungal material (e.g., allergenic, toxic, or infectious), the exposure level, and the susceptibility of exposed persons. Susceptibility varies with the genetic predisposition (e.g., allergic reactions do not always occur in all individuals), age, pre-existing medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, cancer, or chronic lung conditions), use of immunosuppressive drugs, and concurrent exposures. These reasons make it difficult to identify dose/response relationships that are required to establish "safe" or "unsafe" levels (i.e., permissible exposure limits).

It is generally accepted in the industry that indoor fungal growth is undesirable and inappropriate, necessitating removal or other appropriate remedial actions. The New York City guidelines and EPA guidelines for mold remediation in schools and commercial buildings define the conditions warranting mold remediation. Always remember that water is the key. Preventing water damage or water condensation will prevent mold growth.

This report is not intended to provide medical advice or advice concerning the relative safety of an occupied space. Always consult an occupational or environmental health physician who has experience addressing indoor air contaminants if you have any questions.

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## 4. Glossary of Fungi

ALTERNARIA(ULOCL	ADIUM)		
Natural Habitat	Common saprobe and pathogen of plants. Typically found on plant tissue, decaying wood, and foods. Soil . Air outdoors.		
Suitable Substrates in the	Indoors near condensation (window frames, showers), House dust (in carpets, and air). Also		
Indoor Environment	colonizes building supplies, computer disks, cosmetics, leather, optical instruments, paper, sewage, stone monuments, textiles, wood pulp, and jet fuel		
Water Activity	Aw =0.85-0.88 (water damage indicator)		
Mode of Dissemination	Wind		
Allergic Potential	Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma), Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)		
Potential or Opportunistic	Phaeohyphomycosis {causing cystic granulomas in the skin and subcutaneous tissue}. In		
Pathogens	immunocompetent patients, Alternaria colonizes the paranasal sinuses, leading to chronic hypertrophic sinusitis		
Industrial Uses	Biocontrol of weed plants Biocontrol fungal plant pathogens.		
Potential Toxins Produced	Alternariol (AOH) . Alternariol monomethylether (AME). Tenuazonic acid (TeA). Altenuene (ALT) Altertoxin (ATX)		
Other Comments	Many species of Ulocladium have been renamed as Alternaria. Alternaria spores are one of the most common and potent indoor and outdoor airborne allergens. Additionally, Alternaria sensitization has been determined to be one of the most important factors in the onset of childhood asthma. Synergy with Cladosporium or Ulocladium may increase the severity of ymptom		
References	Alternaria redefined. J. Woudenberg et al., Studies in Mycology. Volume 75, June 2013, Pages 171-212		

ASCOSPORES	
Natural Habitat	Everywhere in nature.
Suitable Substrates in the	Depend on genu and pecie
Indoor Environment	
Water Activity	Depends on genus and species.
Mode of Di emination	Forcible ejection or passive release and dissemination by wind or insects.
Allergic Potential	Depends on genus and species.
Potential or Opportunistic	Depends on genus and species.
Pathogens	
Industrial Uses	Depends on genus and species.
Potential Toxins Produced	Depends on genus and species.
Other Comments	Ascospores are the result of sexual reproduction and produced in a saclike structure called an
	ascus. All ascospores belong to members of the Phylum Ascomycota, which encompasses a
	plethora of genera worldwide.

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ASPERGILLUS/PENIC	
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Natural Habitat	Plant debris ·Seed ·Cereal crops
Suitable Substrates in the	Grows on a wide range of substrates indoors ·Prevalent in water damaged buildings ·Foods
Indoor Environment	(blue mold on cereals, fruits, vegetables, dried foods) ·House dust ·Fabrics ·Leather
	·Wallpaper ·Wallpaper glue
Water Activity	Aw=0.75-0.94
Mode of Dissemination	Wind Insects
Allergic Potential	Type I (hay fever, asthma) ·Type III (hypersensitivity)
Potential or Opportunistic	Possible depending on the species.
Pathogens	
Industrial Uses	Many depending on the species
Potential Toxins Produced	Possible depending on the species.
Other Comments	Spores of Aspergillus and Penicillium (including others such as Acremonium, Talaromyces,
	and Paecilomyces) are small and spherical with few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot
	be differentiated or speciated by non-viable impaction sampling methods. Some species with
	very small spores may be undercounted in samples with high background debris.

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BASIDIOSPORES	
Natural Habitat	Forest floors. Lawns .Plants (saprobes or pathogens depending on genus)
Suitable Substrates in the	Depends on genus. Wood products
Indoor Environment	
Water Activity	Unknown.
Mode of Dissemination	Forcible ejection. Wind currents.
Allergic Potential	Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma). Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)
Potential or Opportunistic	Depends on genus.
Pathogens	
Industrial Uses	Edible mushrooms are used in the food industry.
Potential Toxins Produced	Amanitins. monomethyl-hydrazine. muscarine. ibotenic acid. psilocybin.
Other Comments	Basidiospores are the result of sexual reproduction and formed on a structure called the
	basidium. Basidiospores belong to the members of the Phylum Basidiomycota, which includes
	mushrooms, shelf fungi, rusts, and smuts.

BIPOLARIS++	3IPOLARIS++		
Natural Habitat	Plant saprophyte.Plant pathogen of many plants, causing leaf rot, crown rot, and root rot on warm season turf grasses		
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	House plants, Indoor building materials		
Free moisture required for mold growth	Unknown		
Mode of Dissemination	Wind		
Allergic Potential	Hay fever, asthma. Allergic and chronic invasive sinusitis		
Potential or Opportuni tic Pathogens	Invasive sinusitis, disseminated mycoses, peritonitis, keratitis, phaeohyphomycosis		
Potential Toxins	Can potentially produce sterigmatocystin.		
Other Comments	Includes Bipolaris, Drechslera, Exserohilum.		

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## CERCOSPORA++

Natural Habitat	Parasite on higher plants, commonly causes leaf spot diseases.		
Suitable Substrates in the	Unknown		
Indoor Environment			
Water Activity	Moderate –High humidity		
Mode of Dissemination	Irrigation water, Insects, Rain Wind		
Allergic Potential	Unknown		
Potential or Opportunistic	Unknown		
Pathogens			
Other Comments	Includes morphologically similar spores of Cercospora, Pseudocercospora, Septoriella, and		
	Septoria.		

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CLADOSPORIUM	
Natural Habitat	Dead plant matter. Straw. Soil. Woody plants
Suitable Substrates in the	Fiberglass duct liner. Paint. Textiles. Found in high concentration in water-damaged building
Indoor Environment	materials.
Water Activity	Aw 0.84-0.88
Mode of Dissemination	Air
Allergic Potential	Type I (asthma and hay fever).
Potential or Opportunistic	Edema. keratitis. onychomycosis. pulmonary infections. Sinusitis.
Pathogens	
Industrial Uses	Produces 10 antigens.
Potential Toxins Produced	Cladosporin and Emodin.

CURVULARIA	
Natural Habitat	A worldwide saprophytic fungi, being isolated from dead plant material and soil.
Suitable Substrates in the	Paper, wood products
Indoor Environment	
Free moisture required for	Unknown
mold growth	
Mode of Dissemination	Wind
Allergic Potential	Hay fever, asthma, allergic fungal sinusitis
Potential or Opportunistic	In immunocompromised patients can cause cerebral abscess, endocarditis, mycetoma, ocular
Pathogens	keratitis, onychomycosis, and pneumonia.

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### GANODERMA

Natural Habitat	Grows on conifers and hardwoods worldwide, causing white rot, root rot, and stem rot.
Suitable Substrates in the	Unknown.
Indoor Environment	
Water Activity	Unknown.
Mode of Dissemination	Wind.
Allergic Potential	Ganoderma species are known to cause allergies in people on a worldwide scale.
Potential or Opportunistic	Unknown.
Pathogens	
Industrial Uses	Biopulping of wood for the paper industry. Potential medicinal use due to: 1. Inhibition of Ras dependent cell transformation, 2. Antifibrotic activity, 3. Immunomodulating activity, 4.
	Free-radicle scavenging
Potential Toxins Produced	Unknown.
Other Comments	Used in traditional Chinese medicine as an herbal supplement. It is also known as a "shelf fungus" because the fruiting body forms a stalk-less shelf on the sides of trees and logs. It is sometimes called "artists conk" because when you scratch the white pores of the fruiting body, the white rubs away and exposes the brown hyphae underneath. Thus, pictures can be produced on the fruiting body.
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MYXOMYCETES++	
Natural Habitat	Decaying logs, Dead leaves , Dung , Lawns , Mulched flower beds, Lawns
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	Rotting lumber
Free moisture required for mold growth	Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	Insects, Water, Wind
Allergic Potential	Туре І
Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens	Unknown
Industrial Uses	
Other Comments	Includes Myxomycetes, Smut, Rust, and Periconia.

POLYTHRINCIUM	
Natural Habitat	Many Basidiomycetes form arthrospores during their mycelial stage. Geotrichum and Oidiodendron are typical ascomycete arthrospore formers. Arthrospores are formed by microfungi, and yeast-like fungi. Arthrospores are disarticulated cells of a formerly vegetative filament that function as spores.
Suitable Substrates in the	Unknown
Indoor Environment	
Allergic Potential	Allergenic potential in this genus is not well understood, and is currently being studied.
Potential Opportunist or	Unknown
Pathogen	
Potential Toxins Produced	Unknown

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## SPEGAZZINIA

SFLGAZZINIA	
Natural Habitat	Plants, Soils
Suitable Substrates in the	Unknown
Indoor Environment	
Water Activity	Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	Unknown
Allergic Potential	Unknown
Potential or Opportunistic	Unknown
Pathogens	



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#### 5. References and Informational Links

#### Books

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#### **Consumer Links**

Read the full text of AIHA's "The Facts About Mold" consumer brochure. <<u>http://www.aiha.org/get-involved/VolunteerGroups/Documents/BiosafetyVG-FactsAbout%2</u> <u>0MoldDecember2011.pdf></u>

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) <u>http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/molds/index.html</u>

CDC Mold Facts http://www.cdc.gov/mold/faqs.htm

CDC Stachybotrys - Questions and answers on Stachybotrys chartarum and other molds <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/mold/stachy.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/mold/stachy.htm</a>

IOM, NAS: Clearing the Air: Asthma and Indoor Air Exposures https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iag/should-you-have-air-ducts-your-home-cleaned

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California Department of Health Services (CADOHS) https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/EHLB/IAQ/Pages/Mold.aspx

Minnesota Department of Health http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mold/index.html

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene <u>https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/mold.page</u>

H.R.: The United States Toxic Mold Safety and Protection Act

#### EPA

"Should You Have the Air Ducts in Your Home Cleaned?" <<u>http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/airduct.html></u>

General information about molds and actions that can be taken to clean up or prevent a mold problem.

<http://www.epa.gov/asthma/molds.html>

"A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home" - Includes basic information on mold, cleanup guidelines, and moisture and mold prevention <u>http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html</u>

"Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings" - Information on remediation in schools and commercial property, references for potential mold and moisture remediators. <u>https://www.epa.gov/mold/mold-remediation-schools-and-commercial-buildings-guide</u>

#### FEMA

"Homes That Were Flooded May Harbor Mold Problems" - Information and tips for cleaning mold.

http://www.fema.gov/news-release/homes-were-flooded-may-harbor-mold-problems

"Dealing With Mold & Mildew in Your Flood Damaged Home. http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema\_mold\_brochure\_english.pdf

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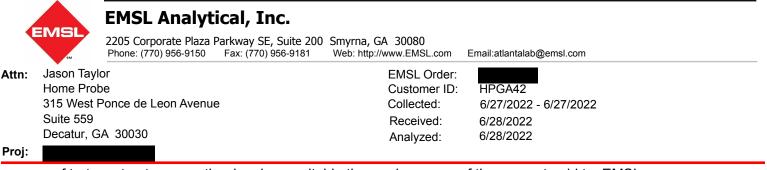
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