

AB 284: Mold Research Update & Stakeholders Forum Information

The commentary draft of the AB 284 mandated review on the effects of mold is in the final stages of preparation for release. Due to an unfortunate computer error that resulted in the loss of some sections of the draft document, the early December release date has been postponed until the end of the month. The 30-day comment period will begin on the day the draft is released to the public. All comments, including those presented at the stakeholders' forum in January, must be provided in writing.

The stakeholders' forum will take place as originally scheduled on January 13-14, 2003 (tentative agenda below) at the Sacramento Convention Center in downtown Sacramento, Ca. Each session will open with an overview of the corresponding section of the report by the author, Pamela J. Davis, followed by a critique of the section by various Scientific Review Panel (SRP) members. Interested stakeholders will then be invited to present their scientifically based comments to Mrs. Davis and the SRP.

Individual stakeholders will be provided no more than 10 minutes to present an overview of their written comments. Actual time allowed will depend on the total number of stakeholders requesting presentation time. If necessary, the start times of the various sections may be adjusted to allow for more presentation time during high demand sessions.

Stakeholders' making presentations must provide 15 copies of their written testimony on the day they deliver their overviews. Commentary must be scientifically based and relevant to the subject matter.

Individuals and Organizations interested in attending the forum are asked to RSVP to Pamela J. Davis at pdavis@library.ca.gov by December 31, 2002 with their intent to attend.

Please RSVP with the following information:

1. Name of individuals who will attend
2. Organization name (if applicable)
3. Contact information for each participant
4. Please specify if you would like to attend one or both days

Once the draft has been released, stakeholders interested in making presentations during the forum must notify Pamela J. Davis (pdavis@library.ca.gov) by January 9, 2003 to receive space in the schedule. A notice will be sent to all participants via e-mail on January 10, notifying them of any changes stakeholder participation may have on the timeframes in the schedule.

Written comments on the report will be accepted at anytime during the 30-day comment period and should be sent directly to Mrs. Davis (pdavis@library.ca.gov)

The tentative agenda for the January forum is as follows:

Monday, January 13, 2003: Health Effects, Building Science, Prevention and Control

7:45 a.m.	Doors open, participants must sign in
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Introductions and Issue Overview
9:00-noon	Health Effects: Consensus and Non-Consensus
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Moisture Issues in California Buildings
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-5:15 p.m.	Prevention and Control of Indoor Mold Growth

Tuesday, January 14, 2003: Assessment and Remediation

7:45 a.m.	Doors open, participants must sign in
8:00 -8:30 a.m.	Welcome back and brief introductions
8:30 -10:15 a.m.	Sampling and Identification
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-12:15 noon	Remediation
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Open Comment Period