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From: snk1955 <snk1955@aol.com>
To: paul.b.gillooly.civ [redacted]
Sent: Fri, Mar 29, 2019 10:07 am
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Mold Reference

Actually, Paul, I'm glad you all made that mistake because it opens the door for you all to understand how the devil is in the details of this issue.

I'm in the process of writing another email to you b/c I really want you to get legit science in the physician educational materials.

Its time to knock the politics out of this issue.

YOU are in a cat bird seat to make that happen. And when you do, it will become public health policy that not only helps our troops' families, it will help thousands of people across the US. [redacted]

WR
Sharon

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From: Gillooly, Paul B CIV USN NAVMCPUBHLTHCEN PORS (USA) [redacted]
To: snk1955@aol.com <snk1955@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Mar 29, 2019 7:59 am
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Mold Reference

Sharon -

Thank you for the very thorough documentation and history as shared below.

We were aware that AAAAI had archived their position paper ("The Medical Effects of Mold Exposure") however, it was inadvertently included as a reference in the clinician's guide and has since been removed.

VR
Paul

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From: snk1955@aol.com [mailto:snk1955@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 10:33 PM
To: Gillooly, Paul B CIV USN NAVMCPUBHLTHCEN PORS (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Mold Reference

Hi Paul,

Please call me Sharon.

To explain briefly, you have a problem in that what you all cited for reference #4 the AAAAI "The Medical Effects of Mold" (aka AAAAI Mold Statement) is known to be a litigations defense argument that was penned by expert defense witnesses in mold litigation, 2006. It is not based on current accepted science and it never was.

I have a lot of documents on the subject of how that paper came to be via less than honest means, and how its used to hurt people when avoiding liability for negligent acts causing moldy buildings which cause disabilities.

I will compile medical journal publications and court documents re: the conflicts of interest behind that paper tonight.

Below is a good place to start to understand the problem. It's a front page Wall Street Journal article from January 2007 titled "Amid Suits Over Mold Experts Wear Two Hats, Authors of Science Papers Also Serve for the Defense in Mold Litigation".
https://www.wondermakers.com/Portals/0/docs/02.%20Amid%20Suits%20Over%20Mold%20Experts%20Wear%20Two%20Hats%2002.07.pdf

If you read the above, what you'll see is the author of the IOM Damp Indoor Spaces and Mold Report's toxicity section is Dr. Harriet Ammann. She talks of how the AAAAI Mold Statement along with it fellow American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)'s toxicity section are not based on not legitimate science. So your reference #1, (the IOM Report) is in direct conflict with your reference #4 the (AAAAI Mold Statement).

Additionally, AAAAI has not promoted that paper (that you all cited as reference #4) as a position statement since 2011. (meaning its no longer portrayed to be the scientific understanding of AAAAI's thousands of physicians).

"Lifespan of AAAAI Statements After five years from the date of publication, AAAAI position statements and work group reports are not to be considered to reflect current AAAAI standards or policy. The AAAAI maintains these statements in archives for the purpose of reference only."
https://www.aaaai.org/practice-resources/statements-and-practice-parameters/aaaai-statements

What you all just did, is poke a hornet's nest. You all hit at the heart of the contention that has plagued the mold issue for years.

Dr. Andrew Saxon of UCLA was the driving force behind the AAAAI Mold Statement. He is also listed as co-authoring the ACOEM Mold Statement and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's.

He is a prolific (and dishonest) expert defense witness in mold litigations. He relies heavily on that paper to support his "expert" opinions to this very day. He is hired by defense attorneys who are retained by insurers who are trying to avoid liability for causation of disabilities and deaths.

See WSJ article:
"The paper's third author was Andrew Saxon, then chief of clinical immunology and allergy at the medical school of the University of California, Los Angeles. He, too, has served as a defense expert in numerous mold suits. Dr. Saxon says he is paid $510 an hour for his help. If called to testify in court, his rate rises to $720 an hour, according to a deposition he gave. Until he retired from UCLA in September, money he earned as a legal-defense expert was paid to the university, and he says UCLA then gave him a little less than half of it. Dr. Saxon estimates he generates $250,000 to $500,000 a year from expert defense work, which includes non-mold cases." [now he makes

even more, the money just does not go to the UC]

More later. Will try to explain why you all citing that paper as direction for physicians is going to cause a lot of problems/contention for the military and the military families, rather than help to solve them.

I'm a medical journal published author on the subject of the conflicts of interest behind that paper.

J Allergy Clin Immunol.https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16950307# 2006 Sep;118(3):766-7; author reply 767-8; discussion 768.

Nondisclosure of conflicts of interest is perilous to the advancement of science.

WR,
Sharon

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From: Gillooly, Paul B CIV USN NAVMCPUBHLTHCEN PORS (USA)
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Sent: Thu, Mar 28, 2019 1:29 pm
Subject: Mold Reference

Ms. Kramer -

I am contacting you to follow up on your voicemail left at Navy & Marine Corps Public Health Center regarding an out of date reference for mold. Can you please share with me where you saw it (e.g., website, presentation, etc.,) and what the outdated reference was?

I look forward to hearing from you.

VR
Paul

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