

On June 3, 2009, FEMA was listed as a member of the Federal Interagency CIAQ Mold Work Group (MWG)

http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/06_03_09meeting_minutes.pdf

The GAO recommendations (<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-08-980>) on research and public guidance were first discussed at the February 18th meeting (www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/meetingschedule.html). As discussed in February, **the intent is to effectively implement the recommendations in a transparent manner.** The Institute of Medicine (IOM) identified gaps in research, scientific uncertainties and health effects will not be debated in this meeting.

These agencies were contacted and asked to designate a point of contact and MWG member. The MWG agency membership and representatives will probably change over time as needs dictate. It was agreed that only the names of the members would be included in these minutes. Consequently, the MWG is currently comprised of the following people (and agencies).

CIAQ Mold Work Group (MWG) Members*

HHS-CDC-NIOSH (DRDH-HHE): Dr. Jean Cox-Ganser and Dr. Ju-Hyeong Park

HHS-CDC-NIOSH (HELD-ACIB): Dr. Brett Green and Dr. Don Beezhold (Chief, Allergy and Clinical Immunology Branch)

HHS-CDC-NCEH: Dr. Paul Garbe and Dr. Fuyuen Yip

HHS-NIH-NIEHS: Dr. Dori Germolec (Dr. Kim Gray)

HHS-NIH-NHLBI: Dr. James Kiley

HUD-OHHLHC: Dr. Peter Ashley and Rachel Riley

EPA-Indoor Environments, ORIA-OAR: Laura Kolb and Philip Jalbert

EPA-Office of Research & Development (ORD): Dr. Timothy Dean and Dr. Marsha Ward

DHS: Peter Wixted and David Chawaga (FEMA)

CPSC: Dr. Joanna Matheson

2-GAO Report-Recommendations on Mold Research and Public Guidance. In addition to these minutes, the discussion was recorded and is available on the CIAQ website (MP3, 18:16 minutes, 25 M).

Jalbert briefly reviewed the discussion from the February 18th meeting. The GAO response to the question of study scope was read aloud and can be found at Q6 in the February 18th minutes. **Jalbert reminded everyone about the commitment made in February to the process being as transparent as possible.** There were no questions about the GAO related meeting minutes.

Jalbert reminded the group as to the purpose for the Mold Work Group (MWG), i.e., to implement the GAO recommendations, and that expectations that some external parties had for going beyond that charge needed to be moderated. **The key action item or agreement resulting from the February 18th meeting was to form a mold work group comprised of representatives from the agencies indentified by GAO or that also asked or volunteered to participate given their mold related mission.**

By February 3, 2010 there was no mention of any effort of a CIAO Mold Work Group http://www.epa.gov/iaq/ciaq/agenda_02_03_10.pdf