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Dear Ms. Kramer and Citizens:

This correspondence is in response to your letter regarding mold which arrived at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 28, 2011 entitled "Mold Issue: Scientists, Physicians, & Citizens Request Joint US Federal Agency Public Health Advisory". We appreciate your interest and input on mold issues. We discussed your message at the January meeting of the Mold CIAQ workgroup, and with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA has informed us that they are planning to send a response under separate cover.

As you may know, neither the EPA nor the CDC have the authority to regulate mold. Other Federal agencies do not regulate mold either. Though the Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) mold workgroup is not planning to issue a mold advisory, we can assure you that participating Federal agencies do plan to continue working on mold issues. In particular, EPA and CDC have voluntary guidance and materials on mold, and will continue to work on mold and related issues in coordination with each other and with other Federal agencies. In addition, CDC has informed us that they are planning to attend the next meetings of the CIAQ and the CIAQ mold workgroup.

Again, we appreciate your input and dedication to this important issue.

Sincerely,

David Rowson, Director
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