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Mold Clearance Criteria

ProLab, the laboratory issuing my mold certification and the lab I use to analyze mold samples use these criteria internally to decide whether unusual mold conditions exist:

1. *Stachybotrys* is found in any type of indoor air sample with sympathetic molds, such as *ulocladium* and *fusarium*. If the sympathetic molds are not present then a raw score of 5 or greater.
2. If any individual mold genus raw score count indoors is 10 or greater and is double or more the raw score in the outdoor air sample used for comparison.
3. If any individual mold genus raw spore count indoors is 5 or greater and the raw score is 0 in the outdoor air sample used for comparison.

Note: If any indoor air sample does not have an outdoor air sample for comparison, the results are considered inconclusive.

I interpret the results further in light of whether a Certified Mold Remediator is involved. If a mold remediator is employed, the clearance criterion per mold genus is a lower raw score in the indoor air sample than in the outdoor air sample.

After analyzing tape, bulk, swab and other samples, the presence of any allergenic, toxigenic, or pathogenic mold determines whether unusual mold conditions exist.