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Subject: Re: Global Burden of Indoor Air Contaminants

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I do not think Jan is aware that you are the President of GIHN and work in concert with the NTEF on IAQ.

I have irrefutable proof, aka videos of the water leaking and ceiling tiles NOT being replaced since October 2012.

I think that since they are in a LEED Certified Building this needs to be made public.

Maybe the NTEF and GIHN needs to issue a join press release on bogus LEED certification and health concerns.

I did discuss this issue with the PUC up in Carson City and was ASSURED it was handled. Have to highly question how you can remediate withOUT removing a stained ceiling tile.

Can only imagine how many people in the building have a chronic case of rhinitis, URI's etc.

Sick building for sure.

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Subject: Global Burden of Indoor Air Contaminants

Hi Jan,

Since you have water damage and mold in your building, I thought you might like to have this information. I became very ill the last time I was in your building, so I am no longer able to attend the PUC meetings. For the record, it's not acceptable that I can no longer attend PUC meetings just because the PUC hasn't had the building properly remediated.

The water damage and mold in your building are harmful to you, your employees and visitors. In addition, the use of chemicals (such as Lysol disinfectant spray) in an attempt to cover up the bad odors (volatile organic compounds) is also harmful.

If you would like to have accurate information about the health effects of mold, please check out the press release announcing the Global Indoor Health Network's newly expanded and updated position statement. This is being sent to government agencies and medical organizations around the globe.

<http://www.seopressreleases.com/global-burden-indoor-air-contaminants/82495>

Global Burden of Indoor Air Contaminants

Henderson, NV, January 7, 2013 — The Global Indoor Health Network (GIHN) announces its expanded and updated position statement titled "Common Toxins in our Homes, Schools and Workplaces." GIHN added an important, new section that presents statistics and financial costs of indoor air contaminants and the impact on our global economy. This new section includes historical and recent information about indoor air pollution including key reports that were published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of Massachusetts, Special Legislative Commission on Indoor Air Pollution, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

As you read this new section, you will understand the enormous impact on our global society as literally millions of individuals and families are harmed by contaminants inside our homes, schools and workplaces. The financial costs are staggering with estimates in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

If you look at the other side of the equation, billions of dollars could be saved if we implemented specific steps aimed at improving indoor air quality in U.S. office buildings. According to a 2000 report by William J. Fisk with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, "the estimated potential annual economic savings plus productivity gains, in 1996 dollars, are approximately \$40 to \$200 billion."

Imagine how big those savings would be if we also made these changes in schools, homes and other structures around the world.

The GIHN position statement highlights the main threats to human health hidden in our homes, schools and workplaces. The list of indoor air pollutants is extensive and includes mold, bacteria, mycotoxins, endotoxins, microbial particulates, radon, lead, asbestos, chemicals, pesticides, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and other contaminants. Many of these contaminants occur inside water-damaged buildings (WDB), but some of these exist in buildings without water damage. Some sick buildings lead to slowly deteriorating disease while others can bring death quickly.

The new section of the paper mentions the findings of the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) 2010 study that was just announced by the WHO on December 14, 2012. Because of the significant number of research papers that have been published regarding the health effects of mold, including key reports by the WHO, we would have expected that the findings of the GBD 2010 study would include a discussion on indoor microbial contamination. Unfortunately, there was nary a reference to mold, mould, fungi, microbial or biological contaminants in any of the seven articles. This is a glaring omission. It's very disappointing that they neglected to address this important public health issue in the study.

Written by treating physicians and researchers in the field, this paper is a collaborative effort which provides detailed information on the pathophysiology and diagnosis of illness caused by mold, as well as details regarding the treatment protocols used by some of the leading physicians. We have highlighted the extensive research which clearly demonstrates many of these principles.

The statistics presented in this paper should catch the attention of every physician, every lawmaker and every layperson. It is time for our world leaders to address this very important, and costly, public health issue.

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The paper can be found at:

http://globalindoorhealthnetwork.com/position_statement

The Global Indoor Health Network (GIHN) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is uniting experts and laypersons from the world. GIHN's vision is a global community of individuals and organizations working together to ensure that comprehensive information and guidance concerning medical treatment, investigative techniques and solutions are available to address the effects of contaminants in the indoor environment of homes, schools and businesses. Visit our website at: www.globalindoorhealthnetwork.com.