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New Law Requires American IAQ Council Certification

As part of its new licensing law for residential mold remediators, the state of Maryland will require that all licensees hold an individual certification from the American IAQ Council.

The law, which goes into effect October 1, 2008, does not create a certification board or institute a licensing examination. Instead, the state will rely upon the credibility of the American IAQ Council's independent certifications.

IAQ Council executive director Charlie Wiles praised the move. "Independent industry certification is the most efficient way to ensure that licensees know the mold remediation field," he said. "The American IAQ Council does all the work of a state certification board at no expense to Maryland taxpayers."

The law requires every person who works on a residential mold remediation project to hold a license.

To help remediation company owners qualify their workers for licensure, the American IAQ Council has developed a certification program designed specifically for new hires. The Council-certified Residential Microbial Remediator (CRMR) will be available on July 1, 2008.

Wiles says the IAQ Council is prepared for other states to follow Maryland's lead.

"As an independent, accredited certifying body, the American IAQ Council provides the perfect solution for state governments looking to regulate the mold remediation industry at a reasonable cost," he said. "We look forward to helping other states protect their citizens from dishonest contractors as well as microbial contamination."

The American Indoor Air Quality Council is a non-profit certifying body founded in 1993 to serve the indoor air quality industry. The IAQ Council operates independent, third-party accredited certification programs for indoor environmental consultants, microbial consultants, microbial remediators, indoor air quality administrators and residential mold inspectors. The IAQ Council certifies more than 5,000 professionals in the United States, Canada and overseas.

For more information about the IAQ Council and its programs, please visit www.iaqcouncil.org.