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## **The Industrial Hygiene Process**

# IAQ HAZARD ASSESSMENT SHOULD INCLUDE FOUR BASIC STEPS

**ANTICIPATION** of the health risk

**SURVEILLANCE** of the suspected hazard

**ANALYSIS** of the results from the survey

Development of **CONTROL** measures based on the analysis

#### **Step 1: ANTICIPATION VIA INVENTORY**

- Conditions for existence of the hazard
- Inventory of conditions

For example, water damage is a condition on the inventory.

#### Step 2: SURVEILLANCE OF THE HAZARDS IN THE INVENTORY

- Collection of data based on the inventory (Step 1 complete as possible)
- Develop hazard quantification scheme

For example, air samples from areas > 1000 square feet of water damaged drywall.

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#### **Step 3: ANALYSIS OF DATA**

• Rigorous <u>analysis</u> of the inventory factors

For example, find a threshold:

Areas > 1000 square feet <u>water damaged</u> drywall <u>and</u> high <u>mold spore counts</u> are <u>always</u> associated with health complaints.

VS.

Areas < 1000 square feet and high spore counts have no complaints.

Or do statistical analysis, such as Chi Square, radius squared.

#### **Step 4: CONTROLLING OR ELIMINATING THE HAZARDS**

• Development of <u>control measures</u> based on the analysis.

For example, remove damaged drywall; stop water infiltration; clean contamination.

### **CAUTION!**

If any of above is incorrect or incomplete, You might force owner to:

- \* Spend more money than available;
- \* Do less than needed;
- \* Do nothing at all avoid it!

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