SECTION 13285

REMEDICATION OF MOLD CONTAMINATION

GENERAL:

If mold contamination is discovered in construction materials it shall be treated by disinfection or physical removal.

PROCEDURE:

1. Disinfection is appropriate when it does not appear that the mold has penetrated past the surface of the contaminated material. Disinfection may be accomplished by using a solution of 10% bleach (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) to remove the mold from the surface, doing a final cleaning with 10% bleach after all visible mold has been removed, and allowing sufficient time for the treated material to thoroughly dry.

2. Physical removal of the contaminated material is appropriate when the mold has penetrated through the surface of the material. During removal, attempts should be made to minimize the amount of airesolization (spreading of mold spores through the air). For example, an area of contaminated plaster should be cut out rather than breaking it out with a hammer.

3. Any porous material that might have come in contact with the contaminated areas should also be removed and replaced (carpet, window covering, etc.).