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Comments

Re: Docket Number NIOSH-238

The two "WARNING!" boxes (page 1 lines 9-10 and page 4 lines 4-6) are not necessary and may be unduly alarming to the general reader. The implication is that damp buildings are hazardous to your health and should be avoided. These disquieting warnings should be eliminated.

The reference to sarcoidosis (page 1, line 20) and the section on sarcoidosis (page 7 lines 10-19) should be eliminated. While the Institute of Medicine and World Health Organization concluded that there is an association between damp indoor environments and respiratory symptoms, neither stated that there is an association with damp indoor environments and sarcoidosis. The document states that the cause of sarcoidosis is unknown and that there are no definitive tests that ascertain the diagnosis. Even though Newman and a few others say that the environment may be a factor in some cases, there is not enough evidence to support it and references to sarcoidosis in this document are misleading.