

## New York Mold Synopsis

The Department of Labor's new Mold Program, which is responsible for enforcing Article 32 of the New York State Labor Law, establishes licensing requirements and minimum work standards for professionals engaged in mold assessment and remediation. There are three main components to the new law:

1. **Training:** The Mold Program will protect consumers by requiring contractors to obtain appropriate training prior to being licensed to perform mold assessment, remediation or abatement services.
  2. **Licensing:** Contractors will not be allowed to advertise or perform covered work without the required license, with limited exceptions such as home or business owners performing work on their own properties.
  3. **Minimum Work Standards:** The Mold Program also establishes new minimum work standards for mold assessments and remediation activities by licensed professionals, including:
    - Protection against fraud by prohibiting the performance of both the assessment and remediation on the same property by the same individual;
    - Protection against fraud by requiring an independent mold assessment to define the scope of the remediation work;
    - Identification of disinfectant products, consistent with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards;
    - Provision of personal protection equipment to employees, as necessary;
    - Posted notice of the project and the contractor's licenses; and
    - Completion of a post-remediation assessment.
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### Mold Inspector/Assessor Requirements

The assessor of a mold project is required to develop a mold remediation plan specific to each remediation project and provide the plan to the client before the remediation begins.

As per the regulation, the assessment report provided must specify the following:

- (a) the rooms or areas where the work will be performed;
- (b) the estimated quantities of materials to be cleaned or removed;
- (c) the methods to be used for each type of remediation in each type of area;

(d) the personal protection equipment (PPE) to be supplied by licensed remediators for use by licensed abaters;

(e) the proposed clearance procedures and criteria for each type of remediation in each type of area;

(f) when the project is a building that is currently occupied, how to properly notify such occupants of such projects, taking into consideration proper health concerns; the plan must also provide recommendations for notice and posting requirements that are appropriate for the project size, duration and points of entry;

(g) an estimate of cost and an estimated time frame for completion;

(h) when possible, the underlying sources of moisture that may be causing the mold and a recommendation as to the type of contractor who would remedy the source of such moisture.

### **Contractor Requirements**

A mold remediation licensed contractor who intends to perform mold remediation needs to prepare a work plan providing instructions for the remediation efforts to be performed for the mold remediation project. The contractor's work plan must provide the client with detailed operating procedures for the remediation project, that is in alignment with the assessor's detailed report.

Upon completion of the project, a mold inspector/assessor must complete a post-remediation assessment to ensure the mold has been properly remediated.

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### **About Branch Restoration, Inc.**

**Branch Restoration, Inc. is a licensed NY Mold Remediation Contractor and experienced in mold remediation (Mold License #00053). In addition, Branch Restoration handles property damage restoration and other environmental services. From fire and smoke damage restoration to water damage restoration, our staff provides high quality service to both residential and commercial clients. Additional services include asbestos abatement, lead abatement and oil spill clean-up.**

**Branch Restoration services clients on Long Island, as well as the New York Metro area and New Jersey. Branch Restoration is a preferred vendor for many insurance carriers and a proud member of DKI (Disaster Kleenup International), which is the largest disaster restoration contracting organization in North America. Emergency response crews are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**