

## **ACOEM Position Statement**

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Last month, the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) published a position statement concerning fungal-related illnesses. Within this position statement, ACOEM discussed the current status of scientific knowledge regarding the nature of fungal-related illnesses. The discussion by Hardin et al. (2002), emphasized the possible relationships of these illnesses to the indoor environments with particular attention to the possible health effects of mycotoxins, which have given rise to much of the concern and controversy surrounding indoor molds. According to the authors, current scientific evidence does not support the proposition that human health has been adversely affected by inhaled mycotoxins in home, school or office environments. To read this position statement, please copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<http://www.acoem.org/guidelines/article.asp?ID=52>

## **References**

Hardin, B.D., Kelman, B.J., and Saxon, A. 2002. Adverse human health effects associated with molds in the indoor environment. Prepared for ACOEM, Council on Scientific Affairs.

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