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The existing Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules (TMARR) should not be sunset. If anything they should be strengthened and made to operate in a more streamlined manner. In my opinion the TMARR have provided the following positive results in Texas.

1. Mold Assessment Consultants and Remediation Contractors are licensed and required to carry General Liability Insurance and/or show financial responsibility to operate in the state of Texas. This is a big plus in favor of the consumer in Texas when remediation is required in both commercial and residential buildings.
2. The Certificate of Mold Damage Remediation utilized to document remediation has been performed to certify the underlying cause of mold has been remediated has become a required document in many real estate transactions and insurance claims. It is my experience many lending institutions will not lend on a property with any history of mold issues without this document. Additionally, money held in escrow by lending institutions for insurance claims frequently will not be released without this form signed by a licensed Mold Assessment Consultant.
3. The database of licensed Mold Assessment Consultants and Remediation Contractors provides property owners, insurance companies, real estate agents and lending institutions a valuable resource of licensed and insured professionals when water damage and resulting mold issues occur.

One of the main reasons Texas adopted the TMARR was to stop the abusive practices which occurred in the unregulated market. Should Texas have a Hurricane without these rules in place we will be right back in the same soup of consumer abuse.

The rationales for deregulation cited by the sunset commission are not accurate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not provide guidance that is as thorough as other existing industry standards, and EPA guidance is targeted to schools and public buildings, but

lacks a residential component.

Additionally, it is imperative that health care facilities including hospitals and nursing homes have the resources to draw on when water damage strikes. The existing TMARR assure those professionals addressing water damage and mold related issues have the minimum experience, training and insurance required to perform these services.

Thank You,

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