

# LAKE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## -MEMORANDUM-

**To: Board of Directors**  
Jim Comstock, Chair  
Jeff Smith  
Denise Rushing  
Anthony Farrington  
Rob Brown

**DATE:** August 24, 2011

**FROM:** Douglas Gearhart, APCO

**SUBJECT:** Response to the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Final Report

Staff has reviewed the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Final Report and has been requested to respond to the Ad-Hoc Committee Special Report "Mold in My Home: Does Anybody Care?"

The committees findings are:

- F1: No local governmental agencies exist in the County that evaluate mold.
- F2: Since it has been documented that indoor dampness or fungal growth are are potential health risks, mold must be eliminated in a safe and efficient manner.

District Response:

Staff agrees that the Lake County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) does not evaluate mold. Staff also agrees with finding F2.

The AQMD does not have authority by Local, State or Federal laws to regulate mold and other indoor air quality issues. The AQMD is a local regulatory agency mandated to enforce Local, State, and Federal laws to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act.

District staff will continue to direct concerned citizens to the appropriate resources, such as Public Health/Environmental Health, California Department of Health Services, the American Lung Association, and sources for home test kits for mold (such as [www.airlabonline.com](http://www.airlabonline.com)).

CC: Kelly Cox, County of Lake

