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Miami, FL 33132

October 23, 2009

Darlene Fossum, Area Director  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)  
8040 Peters Road, Bldg II-100  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324

Re: Complaint [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Fossum,

This is in response to complaint [REDACTED] which you received from an employee at the Federal Detention Center in Miami, FL (FDC Miami), wherein they are stating that they are experiencing respiratory illnesses due to the presence of mold throughout the facility.

On September 28, 2009, a concern was raised by staff at FDC Miami, regarding the possibility of mold in the Education Department's law library, work room and engraving room. These three areas are located adjacent to each other and are air conditioned by the same air handling unit. An environmental consultation company by the name of ECO Advisors, LLC was called in to perform an on-site evaluation.

On October 2, 2009, ECO Advisors, LLC, provided an indoor environmental evaluation of the above mentioned areas. The resulting report indicates that, "The average airborne particulate level in Site was less than outdoors and less than particulate levels in the unaffected areas within the building", (section 4.2.1 of the report). At the present time, no other specific concerns have been raised pertaining to the alleged mold hazard. A copy of your letter has been posted for employees to review. Additionally, a copy of your letter, as well as our response, has been provided to the local Union President.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (305) 982-1277.

Sincerely,

  
John T. Rathman  
Warden

Enclosure: Report from ECO Advisors, I.L.C.