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## **MOLD INSPECTION REPORTS BRIEFED TO FAMILIES**

**Norfolk, Va., --** The Navy began reviewing mold inspection reports with several families today who reside in Lincoln Military Housing (LMH) communities in Hampton Roads. Last month, the Navy contracted with Marine Chemist Service, Inc., a Newport News licensed and state certified mold inspection company, to conduct independent inspections for 14 LMH homes.

Four families met individually today with Navy housing staff, along with representatives from Navy Marine Corps Public Health, Lincoln Military Housing, installation, and the active duty member's command. The preliminary mold inspection results were reviewed and personnel were available to answer any questions the families had about their inspection results and addressed their concerns.

The preliminary mold inspection results identified some moisture and mold issues from water intrusion as well as other maintenance actions that need further investigation.

According to the inspection reports, as well as the Center For Disease Control (CDC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), there are no federal standards for acceptable levels of mold, and mold sampling is not reliable in determining health risk. Individual reactions, if any, vary greatly based on the person's susceptibility and the amount and type of mold present. Eliminating all mold from the home and surrounding environment is not possible. Mold may be carried on the air, people and animals, and then grow wherever there is moisture and materials conducive to mold growth such as dust, paint, paper and wood products. CDC Link: <http://www.cdc.gov/mold/stachy.htm>.

LMH is addressing all maintenance issues on the 14 homes inspected and taking immediate corrective actions as necessary.

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Inspections

The Navy has increased its oversight of Lincoln's maintenance procedures which includes approving all housing inspections that Lincoln contracts for. Last week the Navy approved a second contractor so that Lincoln can expedite housing inspections of approximately 235 units that have been identified for review. Last month, LMH established a Maintenance Task Force to visually inspect all 4,300 LHM homes in Hampton Roads.

Two Navy families will be provided their inspection reports tomorrow. Others will be scheduled as families are available.

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