

BNQ 3009-600: FIRST QUÉBEC STANDARD FOR MOLD IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Québec City, Tuesday, April 28, 2020—Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ) is introducing the first benchmark standard for the inspection and rehabilitation of residential buildings in Québec contaminated by mold. To ensure the public has access to high-quality professional work, the standard sets out best practices based on scientific data and the consensus of a committee of experts.

Available free of charge on BNQ's website, the standard is aimed primarily at trained professionals and employees of businesses that offer inspection and decontamination services for homes contaminated with mold. However, it will also be useful for building occupants, owners, and managers; contractors; municipal authorities; and government and regulatory agencies.

The standard applies to residential buildings or to the inhabited parts of mixed-use buildings, regardless of whether they are single-family or multi-unit, newly built or not, and occupied by owners or tenants. BNQ 3009-600 is the result of the dedicated efforts of a multidisciplinary, scientific and technical team consisting of service providers, end-users, and experts in the field.

A first in North America, the standard details the comprehensive steps to take in the event of suspected mold contamination in a residential building, including identifying the source, assessing the contamination, planning and carrying out decontamination work, ensuring quality control of the decontamination, and even communicating with the client. Included in the appendices to the standard are one on best practices to avoid the occurrence of mold and others setting out, in diagram form, steps for inspecting the premises and rehabilitating the building.

BNQ 3009-600 is a voluntary standard that could be easily adopted as a regulatory tool by municipalities or even as a requirement by insurance companies. It could also prove useful in litigation as a reliable Québec reference document outlining best practices.

“It is certainly in the public’s interest to be aware of this standard so they can insist that work be carried out in accordance with its quality requirements,” notes BNQ senior director Jean Rousseau.

For more information about the BNQ 3009-600 standard *Mold Contamination in Residential Buildings — Assessment of the Contamination and Rehabilitation of the Building*, please contact Mélanie M. Robitaille or visit BNQ’s website:

<https://www.bnq.qc.ca/en/standardization/construction/mold-contamination-of-residential-buildings.html>

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