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## Indoor Environmental Expert Shares His Experiences with IAQ Radio

For the past 6 years, 'IAQRadio' has been providing a venue for professionals dealing with various indoor environmental issues to discuss the industry. Their weekly talk show is designed to promote education and communication for industry professionals and consumers in need of assistance with indoor air quality (IAQ), built environments and disaster restoration issues.

On February 21st, listeners had the opportunity to hear firsthand from one of the industry's most recognized experts, Derrick A. Denis. Mr. Denis is the Vice President of Indoor Environmental Quality for Clark Seif Clark (CSC) and the 1st Vice President of the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA). As a twenty year veteran of IEQ, he has had the opportunity to investigate and resolve thousands of cases across the country. Mr. Denis is also the Chapter Director for the Indoor Air Quality Association's Phoenix Chapter and has previously been on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Chapter of the Environmental Information Association (EIA) and the American Indoor Air Quality Council.

"It was my honor and pleasure to share my expertise on some less well known indoor environmental quality issues with the hosts and the diverse audience who tune in to hear the latest episodes of

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'IAQRadio'," said Mr. Denis. "IEQ issues impact millions of people each day, so when professionals and the public educate themselves about these issues, everyone benefits." Mr. Denis went on to say, "This particular episode covered the gamut, with the hosts inquiring about everything from ricin and carbon dioxide to necrotizing fasciitis and wildfire residue. I'd like to think the information provided may help to save a life and perhaps even make someone smile in the process."

To hear or download the full interview (episode #316) please [click here](#).

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## Property Owners Encouraged to be Aware of Potential Mold Problems in Crawl Spaces

When mold is visibly growing on walls, ceilings or the floor of a home or other type of building it is pretty obvious that there is a moisture problem and a mold issue. It is also possible for a building to have these same problems that are taking place completely out of sight. Three common areas where mold problems can develop unnoticed include attics, basements and crawl spaces.

Crawl spaces are a common form of construction in many parts of the country. Some property owners with homes constructed on a crawl space may go years without inspecting them for leaks or other types of moisture damage. These problems can develop quickly and often go unnoticed until they have become a major issue.

When the relative humidity is high in a crawl space it is quite common for mold to begin to grow. This can often be the case if the crawl space has a bare earth floor as the soil will wick moisture, through capillary action, from moist to dry areas. The relative warmth of a crawl space can dry the soil by evaporation, adding this moisture to the air in the crawl space where it can cause mold growth. When there is a flooding event due to heavy rains or in areas where the water table is high and weather conditions are suitable, ground water may even enter a crawl space.

"In addition to naturally occurring water, many crawl spaces also contain water and sewer pipes," said Franco Seif, President of Clark Seif Clark. "These can develop leaks over time, have issues related to condensation, and during extreme cold weather they can also freeze and burst causing additional water issues. This moisture can seep into other areas of a building and create additional mold

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concerns. Crawl spaces with HVAC systems or air ducts can also provide an easy mode of transportation for mold from a crawl space to spread throughout the air in the overlying building."

The building science and indoor air quality (IAQ) professionals at Clark Seif Clark provide consulting and testing services to identify these types of problems and develop solutions. CSC recently sponsored an educational video about crawl spaces and hidden mold that can be seen here:



Crawl Spaces & Hidden Mold

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