

# ANGOON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## 2011 Indoor Mold Survey Project



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**Project Objective:** The Angoon Community Association received a CEDP grant in October 2010 to help improve local health by monitoring indoor air quality and conducting home mold surveys. Mold is a major issue for this southeast community.

**Results:** The original project included monitoring indoor air quality in resident homes using specialized air monitoring equipment. Because data would be collected, a quality assurance project plan needed to be developed. Because the CEDP grant award was much less than what was originally applied for, the Tribal staff did not have the man-power, funding, or training to be able successfully complete the QAPP. They negotiated with ANTHC and modified the scope of the project to remove the air monitoring and just focus on doing indoor mold surveys and educate residents about steps they could take to prevent or remove mold. A mold survey and supply list was developed and educational mold booklets were ordered, free of charge from the EPA Environmental Education Clearinghouse to distribute to homeowners. As fall approached, it was realized that the Tribe wasn't going to be able to complete the project. The staff originally selected to do the door to door survey's were doing other projects that had been committed to from other funding sources and new personnel could not be hired in time. No funding was expended from the grant and the agreement was terminated. The mold survey and supply list is available online.

### Lessons Learned:

- Set reasonable goals based on the budget you have to work with.
- Ensure that current staff have the time to take on additional commitments or be ready to hire right away.
- Communicate...communicate...communicate! It is very important to keep in contact with your funding agency if there are issues. They can help to solve them before it's too late. It's also very important to keep your tribal council informed about the project so delays are not experienced.

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