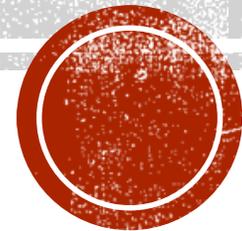


TEXAS MOLD INDUSTRY DEREGULATION FIGHT

UPDATE MEETING – June 19th, 2019 5:00pm

Host: Mike Marshall and Nathan Camp

Site: Gebco-Hurst, TX



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- We feel it is important to keep everyone updated on the latest news and developments in what we are referring to as the Texas Mold Industry Deregulation Fight.
- Introduce the creation of the Texas Mold Assessors and Remediators Association – TMARA – www.tmara.org
- To discuss what happened during the recent legislative session and what MIS, as part of the new association, and others want to do during the next 18 month interim as well as during the next legislative session which starts in January of 2021
- Raise awareness across the state on the fundraising efforts that have taken place and need to take place going forward to give us the greatest opportunity to keep our industry regulated
- Answer any questions about the legislative process and what we can do in each area of the state to get involved with our local legislators



WHERE DID IT ALL START IN 2019?

...A FEW PHONE CALLS AND A WEEKEND WORTH OF RESEARCH AND WE ENDED UP ON THE FLOOR OF THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF OUR INDUSTRY



<https://tmara.org/news/member-testimony-hb-2667/>



<https://tmara.org/news/member-testimony-sb1532/>



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE?

- Mold Inspection Sciences Texas has led the way by coordinating the efforts of key personnel to collaborate with other industry professionals and raise \$28,750.00 to date – including \$3500.00 from Gebco, our host.
- Convinced the legislature to postpone a decision to deregulate the industry
- Began relationship building with key legislators, their staff members and other industry professionals to insure that our industry has a loud voice during the next legislative session
- Began steps to set up an organization to represent the industry and to educate and advocate for continued regulation of the industry
 - *Texas Mold Assessors and Remediators Association – Certificate of Formation submitted to the secretary of state this week and we will be a 501-C4 Non-Profit by months end*
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Q AND A SESSION

- Why did the legislature want to deregulate the mold industry?
 - *It's part of a trend that's taken place over the last 2 to 3 legislative sessions. TDLR and the legislature have worked together to identify industries they don't think need state regulation. Some industries they have completely deregulated, others partially and others they have passed off to the cities.*
- How were you able to stop the legislature from deregulating the industry?
 - *We met with TDLR and staff from the offices of the two authors of the deregulation legislation and they agreed to postpone any action until the next legislative session.*
- What will happen next session to the industry?
 - *If we're successful in setting up the association and working over the next 18 months with TDLR and key legislators we think we can convince them not to deregulate the industry. Our best argument for regulating the industry is that we protect the public — a public safety argument.*



Q AND A SESSION

- Why do we need an association?
 - *Strength in numbers. If one company or person is affected by an action of the legislature, they may or may not convince the legislature to act. However, an association representing many companies which create hundreds and hundreds of jobs in an industry that affects thousands of Texans can be much more influential in convincing the legislature to take action. Legislators care about hearing from people they represent and with businesses from all over the state, the association will speak for more than just one or two companies.*
- What will I have to do?
 - First, join the association. The website is up and we will have If you want to get more involved, either meet with your local Representative and Senator alone or with us to educate them about our industry and why its important to regulate it. Attend fundraising events for local legislators, during the session, come to Austin to meet your legislators and if you want you can testify on bills impacting our industry.
- How much will it cost to join the association?
 - And what is the money for for? We are working out all the parameters of how to donate. The money will be used to run the organization and to continue to retain a lobbyist to assist us in this process. We expect to need between \$100,000 to \$125,000/yr to accomplish all of this. The lobbyist will identify key people for us to meet with, set up meetings, monitor what is going on in Austin, help identify legislators we need to contribute to, and help strategize the best way to keep the industry regulated and implement the strategy. During the session, the lobbyist will do what he did for us this session. Monitor bills, write testimony, help identify witnesses to testify, work with legislators on bills impacting us.

