

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 22, 2007

The Honorable Marion Blakey
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Blakey-

It has come to our attention that the Air Traffic Control tower (the tower) at the Kansas City International (MCI) airport has a serious problem with mold, moisture and other indoor air quality issues. In order to express our concern for the safety of the employees, we directly request that throughout the remediation of the hazardous substances, all safety concerns are proficiently addressed so that the well-being of the employees is not placed at risk.

It has been made apparent that the problem is such that the tower needs professional attention in order to remediate the mold and address the moisture issues. As you know, mold in a building has been associated to illness, injury, and in severe cases, long term health consequences. Therefore, it is vital that the FAA must take the presence of mold in facilities seriously and remediate in an efficient, effective and safe manner.

It is clear that, as you have done at other air traffic control facilities, the FAA must also remediate the mold in the MCI tower. Numerous reports and studies of the MCI tower – including one by Wonder Makers Environmental – support the assertion that the mold in the tower must be removed as soon as possible. It is our understanding that the FAA is moving forward with removing the mold and a Statement of Work for Microbiological Remediation. We stress that the FAA must do this in the safest manner possible and in compliance with applicable regulations, taking into consideration the employees working in the tower while the remediation process is occurring.

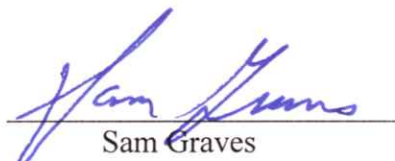
As you are aware, there have been reports of employees at the Detroit and Jacksonville towers becoming sick during mold remediation efforts at those towers. We do not want an identical situation to occur at the MCI tower and urge the FAA to take every step possible to effectively remediate the mold while protecting the health and safety of the employees at the tower.

We urge you to take immediate steps to ensure the safety of workers at the MCI airport and to remediate the mold problems quickly and safely.

Sincerely,



Kit Bond,
United States Senator



Sam Graves
United States Congressman