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A prominent consultant to the construction industry in the critical areas of air quality, mold mitigation, environmental hazards and industrial hygiene, Susan is the founder and president of The Raterman Group, Ltd., a respected consulting firm based in Chicago. Susan specializes in the areas of comprehensive industrial hygiene consulting, indoor air quality (IAQ) evaluations, green/healthy building practices, mold investigations, sampling and remediation protocols, and asbestos and lead hazard assessments and remediation oversight. Founded in 1987, the Raterman Group provides services to clients in the construction, commercial, manufacturing and public sectors.

Industry Authority

Susan has 27 years experience in field investigations, litigation support and training, giving her unique perspectives that help clients evaluate and abate environmental health hazards. With specialized and relevant expertise, she is a frequently requested presenter at conferences for building industry professionals throughout the U.S, including the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), National Remodeling Show, International Facility Management Association (IFMA), Association of Licensed Architects, Construction Specifiers Institute (CSI), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Northwestern University, Illinois Institute of Technology and numerous local Home Builders' Associations.

Susan speaks with authority on the topics of Indoor Air Quality, Mold Prevention, Responding to Mold Claims, Building Moisture Resistant Homes, Green/Healthy Building Strategies and other topics. Her work has been featured in numerous trade journals, including *Builder/Architect*, *LBM Journal*, *Licensed Architect* and the National Safety Council's *Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene*.

Practical Expertise

Susan specializes in identifying environmental health hazards and developing practical solutions that help her clients improve the health and comfort of commercial and residential buildings. She develops and implements comprehensive moisture and mold prevention programs for builders, product manufacturers, building owners and facility managers. Programs include IAQ policies, operations and maintenance programs, interiors materials selection, monitoring effectiveness of ventilation control strategies, and IAQ control during construction and renovation activities.

Susan is also in demand as a diagnostic consultant for IAQ and mold investigations, contaminant sampling strategies and remediation oversight. Additionally, she provides compliance program development and training, expert testimony and litigation support to clients on a number of significant environmental issues.

Credentials

Susan is certified in the Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene by the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and is an Illinois EPA Licensed Industrial Hygienist. She is also licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health as an Asbestos Building Inspector/Management Planner and Asbestos Project Designer.

Susan earned a Master of Science in Environmental Health Engineering from Northwestern University, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from St. Louis University. She is a member of the Advisory Council of Robert D. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science of Northwestern University. In addition, Susan is active in the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, ASHRAE, the International Facility Management Association and the Indoor Air Quality Association.

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