



# Village of Cuba

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## **Public Notice Mold Discovery and Remediation Efforts Village Administrative Offices**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Cuba Mayor Announces Discovery of Mold at Village Administrative Offices**

**Cuba, New Mexico – September 26, 2025** – Mayor Denny Herrera of the Village of Cuba provides this public announcement concerning the discovery of elevated levels of mold and trace levels of Asbestos in the Village Administrative Offices located at 16B East Cordova Ave. Cuba, NM 87013.

### **Recent Inspections and the Discovery of Elevated Mold Levels:**

- The Village Administrative Offices were closed to Village employees and the public on September 25, 2025. The building has remained closed to the present date. Access to the building has been limited to inspectors and engineers.
- On September 23, 2025, the environmental firm Asbestos Experts, LLC conducted an environmental assessment of the Village Administrative Offices. Air samples collected that day disclosed the presence of elevated levels of fungi spores, *Stachybotrys*, and other strains of mold.

### **The discovery of trace amounts of Asbestos:**

- The sampled joint compound materials located in the restrooms were found to contain asbestos.
- The tested levels were at a concentration level of less than 1%.
- These materials are categorized as non-asbestos-containing materials (Non-ACM). -AirWell Certified Testing
- Although these are trace amounts, there are requirements for removal.

### **Remediation Plan:**

- Mayor Herrera is working with the Village Council to develop a plan to address the mold issue. Options include: (i) mold remediation and rehabilitation of the



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building; and (ii) demolition and replacement of the building. This decision-making process is likely to take some time, and it is unknown when a decision will be reached. The ultimate decision may depend in large part on the availability of funding.

- The Village of Cuba Administrative Offices will remain closed for the foreseeable future for the protection of Village employees and the public.
- The Village of Cuba Administrative Officials will temporarily relocate to the Cuba Public Library, located at 13 East Cordova Ave, Cuba, NM 87013.

### Health Effects Related to Mold Exposure:

- Mold spores are ubiquitous in the environment, and all persons are exposed to some level of mold on a daily basis.
- Certain individuals, including those with compromised immune systems, asthma or allergies, may be more susceptible to adverse effects from mold exposure.
- Symptoms of mold sensitivity can include upper respiratory issues, eye irritation, skin irritation, coughing, and wheezing.
- Anyone with concerns about potential health effects related to mold exposure should seek prompt medical attention.

### Further Information and Point of Contact:

- We are committed to open and frequent communication throughout this process.
- Updates will be provided through the Village of Cuba website (<https://www.cubanm.gov/>).
- If you have questions, please contact the Village Clerk at 505-731-8011 or our PIO [PIO@cubanm.gov](mailto:PIO@cubanm.gov).

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to address this issue.**