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# *SSDI Awarded for Mold Toxicity*

In a landmark case, a Social Security judge granted benefits for Kristina Townsend for a mold exposure which resulted in her disability in 2007.

Townsend suffered both physical and cognitive impairments as a result of toxic mold exposure and is no longer able to work in any substantial gainful activity. She was awarded benefits dating back to 2007.

Townsend's physician testified that she was colonized with mold from a contaminated residence her employer provided while she was away from home on a temporary work assignment. A mycotoxin report confirmed elevated levels of trichothecene in the residence.

Toxic mold exposure resulted in mycotoxicosis, or toxic mold poisoning. Townsend now suffers from chemical sensitivity, fatigue, cognitive dysfunction, and other related injuries.

Townsend was cleared of any primary mental health disorders in an assessment. Her symptoms have improved slightly and she is scheduled for a disability review next year.

