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Foam fights anthrax, common mold

After Sept. 11, 2001, Denver-based Modec Inc.'s profile rose because it makes a safe-to-use foam that neutralizes anthrax and other deadly biotoxins. The company has since supplied 300,000 gallons of the foam to U.S. troops in Iraq, and has watched its sales climb

from \$2 million in 2000 to \$7 million in 2003. After a recent go-ahead from the Environmental Protection Agency, Modec is now moving into its biggest market yet: house molds. A lot of bleach products kill house mold, said Modec chief execu-



tive Brian Kalamanka, "but our foam kills the microtoxins inside the mold, which is what experts believe create allergic reactions in the first place." Kalamanka hopes to sell the mold-combating foam, originally developed in a U.S. Department of Energy lab, in aerosol cans available at hardware stores. www.deconsolutions.com

