

Pae Cilomyces

**Natural Habitats** Decaying plant matter • Insects • Soils

**Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment** 

Optical Lenses • Leather • Paper • PVC • Jute Fibers • Tobacco

Water Activity Aw=0.79

**Mode of Dissemination Wind** 

Allergenic Potential Type I (hay fever, asthma)

• Type III (hypersensitivity)

**Potential Opportunist or Pathogen** *P. variotii causes paecilomycosis* (symptoms include keratitis, cellulitis, and alveolitis). • Corneal ulcers, keratitis, and endophthalmitis can occur after extended contact lense use or eye surgery due to Paecilomyces infection

**Industrial Uses** Paecilomyces fumosoroseus is currently marketed as a biocontrol insecticide

**Potential Toxins Produced** Byssochlamic acid • Ferrirubin • Fusigen • Indole-3-acetic acid • Paecilotoxins • Patulin • Variotin • Viriditoxin

Other Comments P. crustaceus and P. variotii can grow well at temperatures as high as 50°C



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