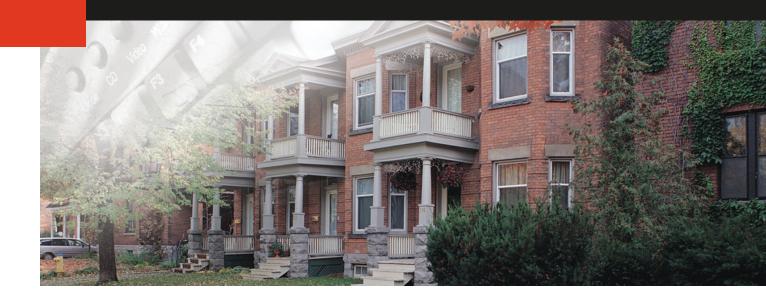
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FOREWORD

This document describes the research and information base in Canada for addressing problems relating to indoor air quality in Canadian housing. Its purpose is to provide a reference document for government and building industry officials, research funding agencies, air quality and building science researchers, and other interested persons throughout Canada.

The 'Research and Information Base' study is part of a four-point project for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, to assist in defining effective means of addressing existing or potential indoor air quality problems in Canadian homes.

The following areas were addressed during 1984/85:

- o the legislative framework to understand the existing and potential future role of the various governmental jurisdictions and regulatory powers in addressing indoor air pollution problems in Canadian housing,
- o the research base to identify Canada's research interests in the indoor air quality field, and recommend a means of making information more accessible to all interested persons,
- o The people affected to understand the extent of the Canadian population adversely affected by hazardous contaminants in indoor air,
- o the solutions to understand what building techniques and other practical measures can be incorporated into constructing, rehabilitating and operating Canadian homes in order to achieve low pollution indoor environments.

The study results have been consolidated into three reports:

Legislation, Regulations and Standards Research and Information Base Exploring Low-Pollution Design

Inquiries concerning these reports may be directed to the Research Division, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Ottawa K1A 0P7.

The Research Division of CMHC would appreciate receiving comments on and additions to this publication, as well as ideas on all aspects of residential indoor air quality issues. It is planning an update, for mid 1987.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The listings in Part 1 and the information in Part 2 respond to the following list of actions, identified as a partial terms of reference for the Research and Information Base component of the CMHC indoor air quality studies:

- 1. Contact universities, research organizations, government agencies, etc. in order to determine who is, or has been, engaged in indoor air quality research in Canada (which may may be relevant to Canadian housing).
- 2. Meet with, or carry on correspondence with, researchers and others to determine nature of work, results to date, papers available, plans for future work, suggestions for information sources and information needed by researchers, etc.
- 3. Through literature search and contacts, determine, to whatever extent is feasible during the study period, other major research efforts, beyond Canada, that may be relevant to the question of indoor air quality in Canadian housing.
- 4. Make a list of work published in Canada, in the field of indoor air quality, that is relevant to Canadian housing.
- 5. Determine what testing and other research facilities and equipment exist in Canada, for determining indoor air quality.
- 6. By querying libraries and research organizations, determine what collections of information and periodicals, relating to indoor air quality, are available to Canadians wishing to keep up to date in this field.
- 7. Determine what services, whether government, commercial, or non-profit, are available to individual Canadian homeowners, landlords or tenants, to assist them in acquiring information, or other assistance relating to suspected indoor air quality problems.
- 8. Determine what agencies or persons presently monitor the Canadian housing stock, or Canadian population, for potential indoor air quality problems and effects.
- 9. Determine what agencies or persons are presently responsible for, or active in alerting the Canadian public about, potential or present problems relating to indoor air quality in homes.

INTRODUCTION

Indoor air pollution represents a complex problem involving property, civil rights, human health, products, regulations, standards, consumer protection, building design and many other factors. The potential sources of indoor air pollution are numerous, as are the potential means of control. The health effects are not well understood, nor is the extent to which the Canadian population may already be affected, or at risk of being affected, with continued exposure to indoor contaminants. A potential problem, in some Canadian homes, has been identified, but that problem is still being unravelled and defined.

A problem of this complexity requires the attention of persons of many disciplines, examining problems from many different points of view. The listings in PART 1: RESEARCH BASE reflect this fact - the reader will discover that a wide variety of individuals, corporations, agencies and government bodies are already active in research of, and in providing services relating, to indoor air quality.

The listings provide skeleton outlines of the activities and expertise across Canada, in the indoor air quality field. They are deliberately brief, and readers are encouraged to directly contact the persons listed, to obtain background papers and direct answers to questions that this report may provoke. Please note that inclusion in the listings does not imply any endorsement of the capabilities of the persons or organizations listed, by either this author or by the funding agency. Persons or organizations inadvertently excluded from the listings are invited to send appropriate information to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for possible inclusion in later publications/revisions of this document.

The projects are not listed in any particular order of importance. Rather, the reader is invited to make use of five different indexes in order to find the information he or she needs. The first index follows this introduction:

Index of Project Titles in Page Order

The remaining indexes can be found at the end of the document:

- o Project Titles in Alphabetical Order (Key Word in Context Index);
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- o Subject Index.

PART 2: INFORMATION BASE discusses the sources of written information on indoor air quality, and may provide the reader with some guidance on keeping up to date in this field. Since the Research Base section concentrates on the Canadian research scene, readers may wish to consult other organizations, listed on pp. 251-254 of the Information Base section, regarding similar activities underway in other countries.

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PART 2: RESEARCH BASE

Investigation of Dust Associated with Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation

While an associate professor with the Man-Environment Studies Division of the University of Waterloo, Dr. Edward Farkas postulated and investigated the theory that, at least in part, health problems associated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI) could be related to the production of a fine dust from degradation of the foam. The UFFI dust is carried from the wall cavities into the living space of a home.

Preliminary investigation included assessment of methods for collecting and analyzing UFFI dust in 1981 and 1982.

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Interaction of Nitrogen Oxides in Air and Certain Classes of Pesticides Commonly Used in Buildings

Certain classes of pesticides commonly used in buildings (e.g. carbamates) react with nitrogen oxides (NOx) in air to produce potent carcinogenic and teratogenic compounds (N-nitroso pesticides). Gas stoves, kerosene heaters, and other combustion equipment or activities in dwellings, as well as infiltration of exterior air pollution (e.g. from urban environments), supply NOx to indoor air. Over the period of exposure (to the nitrogen oxides) of deposited pesticide films (e.g. on baseboards, in cupboards), substantial formation of N-nitroso derivatives of the pesticides occurs.

Research underway includes identification of compounds produced in the interaction and evaluation of the environmental impact of the interaction.

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Retrofit Fireplace Damper

The purpose of this project was to develop and test a top sealing fireplace damper, which reduces infiltration caused by non-operating masonry chimneys, and which is fail safe and easy to operate. The test results confirmed that the damper has excellent sealing quantities which reduce heat loss through the fireplace chimney.

Project is completed.

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Hatzinikolas, M.A., 1983. Report on Retrofit Fireplace Damper Published by Alberta Department of Housing, Innovative Housing Grants Program, Fourth Floor, 10050-112 St., Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J1. September 1983, 20 pages. ISBN 0-88654-012-7.

Fresh Air Intake for Fireplaces

This project designed, developed and tested an internally operated fresh air intake device for fireplaces to supply combustion and makeup air. The device provides controlled combustion, and because of the double shutter arrangement eliminates heat loss when the fireplace is not in operation.

The project is completed.

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Energy Efficient Housing Demonstration Project

Part of this project is to monitor the performance of test/demonstration houses, in terms of operating cost, air quality, envelope performance, etc., and document the results.

The project is ongoing.

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Lstiburek, J.W., and Lischkoff, J.K., 1984. A New Approach to Affordable Low Energy House Construction. By Lincolnberg Development Corporation for Alberta Dept. of Housing. Innovative Housing Grants Program, Fourth Floor, 10050 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J1, July 1984. 78 pages, ISBN 0-88654-074-7.

Rekken, G.M., P.Eng., and Howell, D.G., P.Eng., 1983. Assessment of the Energy Saving Measures Used in the ER-1 Conservation/ Solar Research House. G. M. Rekken and Associates Ltd. for Alberta Dept. of Housing. Innovative Housing Grants Program, Fourth Floor, 10050 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J1, Tel: (403)-427-8150. July 1983. 73 pages & App., ISBN 0-88654-017-8.

Industrial Air Quality

Prof. David Wilson has expertise in industrial air quality work, stack design for dispersion, and air infiltration in housing.

Research Organization:

University of Alberta

Prof. David J. Wilson Dept. of Mechanical Engineering University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2J9 (403)-432-5467

Publications:

Wilson, D.J., and Chui, E., 1985. "Influence of Exhaust Velocity and Wind Incidence Angle on Dilution from Roof Vents". Submitted for ASHRAE Symposium on Air Flow Around Buildings and for publication in ASHRAE Transactions.

Kiel, D.E., Wilson, D.J., and Sherman, M.H., 1985. "Air Leakage Flow Correlations for Varying House Construction", submitted to ASHRAE Transactions.

Wilson, D.J., 1983. "A Design Procedure for Estimating Air Intake Contamination from Nearby Exhaust Vents". ASHRAE Transactions 89, Part 2.

Wilson, D.J., and Britter, R.E., 1982. "Estimates of Building Surface Concentrations from Nearby Point Sources". Atmospheric Environment 16, pp. 2631-2645.

Wilson, D.J., 1982. "Critical Wind Speeds for Maximum Exhaust Gas Entry from Flush Vents at Roof Level Intakes". ASHRAE Transactions 88, part 1, pp. 503-513.

Wilson, D.J., and Winkel, G., 1982. "The Effect of Varying Exhaust Stack Height on Contaminant Concentration at Roof Level". ASHRAE Transactions 88, Part 1, pp. 513-533.

Wilson, D.J., Robins, A.G., and Fackrell, J.E., 1982. "Predicting the Spatial Distribution of Concentration Fluctuations from a Ground Level Source". Atmospheric Environment 16, pp. 497-504.

Wilson, D.J., and Netterville, D.D.J., 1978. "Interaction of a Roof Level Plume with a Downwind Building". Atmospheric Environment 12, pp. 1051-1059.

Wilson, D.J., 1976. "Contamination of Air Intakes from Roof Exhaust Vents". Trans. ASHRAE 82, pp. 1024-1038.

Alberta Home Heating Research Facility

Six housing modules have been evaluated, over a four year period, in terms of heat loss. A continuous air leakage monitoring system, using sulphur hexaflouride gas, has been developed as part of the project. Project began 1979 and is continuing post 1983.

Research Organization:

University of Alberta, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering

Doug Dale, researcher
Mark Ackerman, T. Forest, David J. Wilson,
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Department of Mechanical Engineering
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Funding Organization:

Alberta/Canada Energy Resources Research Fund Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, Ottawa Energy Mines and Resources Canada Alberta Masonry Institute

Juergen Kleta, Director, Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Research Alberta Energy and Natural Resources 2nd floor, Pacifica Plaza, 10909 Jasper Ave. Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3M8 (403)-427-2983

Publication:

Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, U. of Alberta, Edmonton T6G 2G8:

Report No. 34 (1983): "Final Report on the Alberta Home Heating Research Facility"

Report No. 35 (1983): "A Study of Residential Housing Envelope Heat Losses"

Report No. 36 (1983): "A Simulation Model for a Direct Gain Passive House and its Experimental Verification"

Report No. 41 (1984): "Fourth Annual Report on the Alberta Home Heating Research Facility: Results of the 1982-83 Heating Season"

(1979-present): "The Alberta Home Heating Research Facility - Annual Updates - Annual Meetings of the Solar Energy Society of Canada, Inc."

A Study of Air Leakage in Calgary Residences

The fan depressurization method is being used to collect data on the air leakage performance of 120 owner occupied homes in the Calgary region. Two groups of 20 houses will be chosen from the sample to carry out different means of reducing the air infiltration (professional vs. homeowner sealing). The energy consumption one year after modification will be compared to the year before for each of the forty houses.

The study will also compare the annual energy consumption of 8 new R2000 homes - 4 with air-to-air heat exchangers and 4 without. The data collected by this study will be useful to compare to other provincial studies, to verify theoretical estimates of effects and payback periods of air leakage reduction measures and understand the impact of an air-to-air heat exchanger in an air tight dwelling.

Period of study: January 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985.

Research Organization:

Bill Johnston Architect Ltd.

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Funding Organization:

Alberta/Canada Energy Resources Research Fund

Juergen Kleta, Director, Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Research Alberta Energy and Natural Resources Alberta Energy and Natural Resources 2nd floor, Pacifica Plaza, 10909 Jasper Ave. Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3M8 (403)-427-2983

Publication:

Inquire Alberta E&NR, 10909 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3M8

Occupational Health Clinic

St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, now operates an occupational health clinic, specializing in the investigation, diagnosis and treatment of occupational illness and similar disorders. The Clinic offers a comprehensive consulting service including air monitoring and chemical sampling. Problems investigated by the Clinic include the effects of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation and effects of air quality on the health of office workers and school children. Computerized literature searches are available to business, government, educational institutions and members of the public, and are co-ordinated with the information service in the Occupational and Environmental Health Unit at the University of Toronto.

The clinic is a combined venture of the Faculties of Medicine and Engineering at the University of Toronto, and St. Michael's Hospital, where it forms a part of the hospital's Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. The clinic's investigative facilities are integrated with the diagnostic departments at St. Michael's Hospital, and the laboratory facilities at the University of Toronto.

Research Organization:

St. Michael's Hospital

Dr. James Nethercott, M.D., FRCP(C) Director, Occupational Health Clinic St. Michael's Hospital 30 Bond Street Toronto, Ontario M5B 1W8 (416)-861-5104

Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Labour (grant providing partial funding)

Publication:

Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, and Department of Occupational and Environmental Health, St. Michael's Hospital. "Occupational and Environmental Health Unit". Pamphlet available from St. Michael's Hospital, 30 Bond St., Toronto M5B 1W8.

Engineering Appraisal, Research, Advice and Testing re Air Quality

Engineering expertise in air quality work. No in-house lab facilities; access to three outside laboratories in the Vancouver area.

Research Organization:

Schultz International Ltd.

W. D. Ewing, President Schultz International Ltd. 1155 West Georgia St. Vancouver, B.C. V6E 3H4 (604)-684-7335

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Indoor Air Quality Sampling and Analysis

Extech Systems is a supplier of air quality monitoring and air purification systems, and has a good knowledge of what is commercially available in the field. Their product line includes all the analyzers and instruments that are routinely used in air quality monitoring, occupational environment, and safety programmes. They also carry products which address the requirements of indoor air scrubber and purification systems.

Research Organization:

Extech Systems Ltd.

Murray Ward, B.Eng., President Extech Systems Ltd. 1638 W. 6th Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1R3 (604)-734-4211 Telex 04-508584

Extech Systems Ltd. #180, 3025 12th St. N.E. Calgary, Alberta T2E 7J2 (403)-250-5025 Telex 038-27920

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies.

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Indoor Air Quality Studies and Measurement

Dr. John Sullivan's group within the University of Western Ontario has been active in indoor air quality in industrial, commercial and residential environments.

Extensive testing has been done on homes insulated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, including formaldehyde levels for several hundred homes on behalf of the owners. Dr. Sullivan has studied the seasonal changes of formaldehyde concentrations, and has investigated different methods for sampling of formaldehyde and relations between cavity and room air concentrations.

In a sample study of three homes in the London area total chemical, biological and other contaminants have been measured. The three sample houses represent the cases: 'UFFI in', 'UFFI removed', and 'no UFFI'. Tracer gas techniques were used in this study.

Most recently Dr. Sullivan is embarking on a study of particulates from UFFI, and room air formaldehyde studies will be continued to determine the effects, on formaldehyde concentrations, of wind velocities and pressures on the sides of the home.

Dr. Sullivan was program co-ordinator of a special research seminar on recent developments in measurement, evaluation and effects of indoor air pollution, May 13th, 1983, in Toronto, Ontario.

Research Organization:

University of Western Ontario

John L. Sullivan, P.Eng., Ph.D. Professor of Environment Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Science University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6A 5B9 (519)-679-3305

Funding Organizations:

National Research Council of Canada Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

Cliff Shirtliffe Division of Building Research, NRC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6 (613)-993-1821

Publications:

Inquire Occupational Health and Safety Resource Centre, University of Western Ontario, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Building, London, Ontario N6A 5B9; Tel: (519)-679-3913.

- 1. Formaldehyde Measurements in Schools and Homes
- 2. Field Experience with Chemical Scrubbers for Formaldehyde

Geortec Limited has participated in a number of federally-funded research projects under the UFFI research program.

Formaldehyde levels were studies in wall cavities and room air, in order to evaluate relative effectiveness of formaldehyde measurement devices, both active (i.e. detection tubes) and passive (both room and wall cavity types). Geortec assisted in a 200 home dosimeter survey, in which three new Canadian dosimeters were evaluated against standard devices.

Continuous monitoring of formaldhyde in wall cavities was conducted with CEA 555, MIRAN 1A and Draeger devices. The field performance of CEA, NIOSH and pararosaniline was evaluated.

Formaldehyde measurements were conducted in several schools and houses in Newfoundland. Experiments were designed to evaluate passive formaldehyde monitors and the factors which affect them, e.g. seasonal effects.

A passive and an active-type chemical scrubber for formaldehyde were deployed in several UFFI-containing homes. Formaldehyde levels were monitored to evaluate the effects of the scrubbers. In general, the active scrubber was more effective than the passive type.

A study is underway to determine the potential bio-hazardous nature of indoor environments, by assessing the mutagenicity of particulates collected from the indoor air of homes.

Research Organization:

Geortec Limited

Dr. Paris E. Georghiou Geortec Limited 86 Hamilton Ave. St. John's, Newfoundland A1E 1H9 (709)-579-3228

Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

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(613)-993-1821

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Publication:

Georghiou, P.E., and Snow, D., 1982. "The Measurement of Formaldehyde Levels in Wall Cavities of UFFI-Insulated Buildings, and Their Relationships to Indoor Living Space Formaldehyde Levels". Report on DSS Contract Serial #0SR-81-00056, by Geortec Limited for National Research Council, Division of Bldg. Research, Bldg. M-20, NRC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6

Household Facilities and Equipment

Annual survey taken in the spring. Includes data re fuels used in the home for heating and cooking, home air conditioners, recent dwelling improvements (within the previous 2 yrs.) such as heating or electrical improvements. Items such as fuel-burning fireplaces, portable humidifiers and recent energy improvements are included on a rotational basis.

Annual survey: 2/3 sample of the Labour Force Survey frame.

Research Organization:

Statistics Canada

Penny Barclay / Cindy Veness Consumer Income and Expenditure Division Statistics Canada Tunney's Pasture Jean Talon Bldg., 5-D2 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6 (613)-990-9775

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Statistics Canada, 1984. "Household Facilities and Equipment" Statistics Canada Catalog 64-202. Statistics Canada Publications, Ottawa K1A 0T6

Canada Health Survey

This survey collected data on the lifestyle and health of Canadians; it complements existing administrative Data Bases. Sample of 31,668 persons, based on the Labour Force Survey frame. Geographic coverage: all provinces, no territories.

This was a one-time survey. Data were collected for the nine-month period July 1978 though March 1979.

Research Organization:

Statistics Canada

Doug Angus Health Division Statistics Canada Tunney's Pasture R. H. Coats Bldg., 17-J Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6 (613)-990-8573

Funding Organization:

This survey was jointly funded by Health and Welfare Canada and by Statistics Canada.

Publication:

Statistics Canada, 1981. "The Health of Canadians, Report of the Canada Health Survey". Statistics Canada Catalogue 82-538. Report, soft-cover. A micro-data tape is also available for \$300. Inquire Statistics Canada Publications, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Survey of Smoking Habits

Examination of smoking trends for: non-smokers, regular smokers and occasional smokers. Sample: 23,000 households (2/6 sample of the Labour Force Survey frame). Enumeration method: interview.

Frequency: biennial.

Research Organization:

Statistics Canada

Michael Sheridan Special Surveys Division Statistics Canada Tunney's Pasture Jean Talon Bldg., 3-C7 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6 (613)-996-5717

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Inquire Statistics Canada Publications, Ottawa K1A 0T6

- 1. Indoor Air Quality Measurement Commercial and Industrial
- 2. Indoor Air Pollution From Woodburning Stoves

Kent Engineering's primary involvement in indoor air quality work has been commercial and industrial, including the design of ventilation and makeup air systems for factories, to control the indoor atmosphere and eliminate contaminants of various kinds.

The firm has a limited in-house capability for measurement of hydrocarbons, and relies on outside laboratories for other measurements.

Kent Engineering was involved jointly with the firm of Woodbridge Reid, in a technical and marketing study of woodburning stoves, for the British Columbia Department of Industry and Small Business Development. The report and background work involved some investigation of the production of indoor air pollutants by woodstoves.

Research Organization:

Kent Engineering Limited

Clarence D. Kent, P.Eng., President Kent Engineering Limited Engineers & Consultants 475 Gordon Ave. West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1R7 (604)-926-8601

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Woodstove study: British Columbia Department of Industry and Small Business Development, Mr. John Mason

Publication:

Woodbridge Reid and Kent Engineering, 1983. "Wood-burning Appliances: Market Potential and Manufacture in B.C.; Inquire B.C. Industry & Small Business Devt., Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

- 1. Seminar on Indoor Air Quality
- 2. Ventilation Standards for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

The Research and Technical Committee of Toronto Chapter of ASHRAE held a seminar on Indoor Air Quality on April 4, 1983, at the Park Plaza Hotel in Toronto. Committee Chairman at the time was R. Dalton Stubley, P.Eng. (The committee has since been renamed the Technical Committee, and the chairman for 1984/85 was Mr. Cedric Smith.)

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) is a professional organization organized and operated "for the exclusive purposes of advancing the arts and sciences of heating, refrigerating and air conditioning, and ventilation, the allied arts and sciences and related human factors, for the benefit of the general public..." (By-Laws, 1.3)

ASHRAE publishes and updates, on a regular basis, a series of standards, guides and handbooks regarding good engineering practice in its fields of interest. Its Standard 62-1981 "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality Standards" is one of the few standards in existence today specifically addressing the reduction of indoor pollutants in residences.

Research Organization:

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE)

ASHRAE Toronto Chapter Suite 226, 5468 Dundas Street West Islington, Ontario M9B 6E3 (416)-239-8193

Mr. Cedric Smith, Chairman, Technical Committee ASHRAE Toronto Chapter c/o Buildings Department City of Scarborough 150 Borough Drive Scarborough, Ontario M1P 4N7

Publication:

Toronto Chapter ASHRAE R&T Committee, 1983. Collection of Papers Delivered at ASHRAE Research and Technical Committee Seminar on Indoor Air Quality, April 4, 1983, Toronto; One copy available for photocopying at ASHRAE, 5468 Dundas St. W., Ste. 226 Islington, Ontario M9B 6E3; (416)-239-8193.

ASHRAE, 1981. "ASHRAE Standard 62-1981: Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality". Available from ASHRAE Publications Sales Dept., 1791 Tullie Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.

- 1. Air Movement and Infiltration Analysis
- 2. Building Science and Engineering
- 3. Energy Conservation in Buildings
- 4. Ventilation and Space Conditioning in Commercial, Industrial and Residential Buildings.

Building Engineering Group assisted in the organization of the Second Conference on Building Science and Technology, November 12 and 11, 1983, at the University of Waterloo. (Jointly sponsored by The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering - Ontario Region, University of Waterloo, and the Division of Building Research of the National Research Council of Canada).

The conference focussed on buildings and their in-service problems, and included such topics as moisture problems in housing and commercial buildings.

The Group has worked together with Dr. Gordon Bragg of the University of Waterloo (see separate listing).

Research Organization:

Building Engineering Group

Eric F.P. Burnett, Director Building Engineering Group 415 Phillip Street Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3X2 (519)-886-5280

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are usually confidential, but the members of BEG do publish non-proprietary reports and technical papers.

Indoor Air Quality Studies

Three studies conducted within the University of Toronto Department of Chemical Engineering include:

- o Recirculation of Exhaust Gases in Academic Research Buildings (M.A.Sc. project).
- o Determination of Biologically Active Dusts in Recirculated Air (M.Eng. project).
- o Demands on Health Inspectors and Resources Needed to Handle Indoor Air Pollution Problems (M.Eng. project - see separate entry for Madeleine G. Harris, Ontario Ministry of Health).

Research Organization:

University of Toronto

Dr. James W. Smith Dept. of Chemical Engineering University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1 (416)-978-4467

Funding Organization:

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, Ottawa University of Toronto

Publication:

Smith, J. W., 1982. "Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation in Homes". Dept. of Chemical Engineering, University of Toronto. Presented at 'Formaldehyde: The Facts', Corpus Forum, Toronto, May 3-4 1982. Research Paper, 10 pg. Inquire Chem. Eng. Dept., U. of Toronto, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1A1

Hazards in the Home

Overview study showing initial dimensions of housing hazards, especially accidents in the house and the quality of indoor air. In addition, existing data bases and ongoing work and research are also described and recommendations made for further work.

Research Organization:

Kathrine Greiner 20 Eleanor Drive Nepean, Ontario K2E 6A2 (613)-224-6618

Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Research Division, Policy Development and Research Sector Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Office Montreal Rd.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2316

Publication:

Greiner, Kathrine, 1984. "Hazards in the Dwelling: A Preliminary Assessment of Data". For Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Research Report, 51 pages. Inquire Canadian Housing Information Centre, CMHC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0P7

Moisture Induced Problems in NHA Housing: Analysis of Field Survey Results and Projections of Future Problems: Part 1 of a 3 part series (see entries following)

A Canada-wide field investigation of some 201, moisture-damaged NHA-financed housing units was undertaken. Selection was in accordance with the geographic distribution of reported problems. This study forms part of an overall project to investigate the extent, severity, causes and geographic distribution of moisture induced problems in NHA-financed housing units.

The consultant's report includes a discussion of siding problems, sheathing damage, mould and mildew, interstitial moisture. No conclusions are drawn regarding the observed mould and mildew as possible indoor pollutants, or as potential health risks.

Research Organization:

Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited Consulting Engineers, Surveyors, Planners

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Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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Publication:

Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited, 1983, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "Moisture Induced Problems in NHA Housing: Analysis of Field Survey Results and Projections of Future Problems; June 1983; Part 1 of a 3 Part Series". Consultant report, 124 pages. CMHC Cat. No. NH20-1/2-1983-1E; ISBN 0-662-12662-9. Available from Canadian Housing Information Centre, CMHC National Office, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7; Tel (613)-748-2367; Telex CMHC OTT 053-3674.

Moisture Induced Problems in NHA Housing: Literature Review and Research:

Part 2 of a 3 part series (see entries preceding and following)

A review of relevant literature and a field investigation to investigate moisture problems in NHA financed housing. The study discusses specific moisture problems, structural details observed to lead to moisture problems, possible solutions for both new and retrofit housing and further research that needs to be undertaken.

One of the unique findings of the study is the impact of the mesoclimate on the type and severity of moisture problems.

Research Organization:

Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited Consulting Engineers, Surveyors, Planners

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Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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Publication:

Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited, 1983, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "Moisture Induced Problems in NHA Housing: Analysis of Field Survey Results and Projections of Future Problems; Part 2 of a 3 Part Series". Consultant report. CMHC Cat. No. NH20-1/2-1983-2E; ISBN 0-662-12663-7. Available from Canadian Housing Information Centre, CMHC National Office, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7; Tel (613)-748-2367; Telex CMHC OTT 053-3674.

Moisture Induced Problems in NHA Housing: Applicable Moisture Reduction Techniques for Newfoundland:

Part 3 of a 3 part series (see preceding entries)

A detailed discussion of venting, as a means of ameliorating high internal moisture generation and associated problems, such as mould and mildew, specifically in the Newfoundland situation.

Since moisture problems in flueless NHA housing are specifically frequent in Newfoundland, this study investigated typical moisture generation, through household activities, and projected required ventilation rates needed to reduce internal relative humidity to an acceptable level, where mould and mildew were observed to not occur.

Since passive ventilation was seen to be not an economical solution, other non-passive means were also investigated.

Research Organization:

Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited Consulting Engineers, Surveyors, Planners

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Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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Publication:

Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited, 1983, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "Moisture Induced Problems in NHA Housing: Analysis of Field Survey Results and Projections of Future Problems; Part 3 of a 3 Part Series". Consultant report. CMHC Cat. No. NH20-1/2-1983-3E; ISBN 0-662-12664-5. Available from Canadian Housing Information Centre, CMHC National Office, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7; Tel (613)-748-2367; Telex CMHC OTT 053-3674.

Ambient Air Monitoring

Promet Environmental Group Ltd. is a consulting service firm comprised of professional meteorologists and air quality technicians. Their research experience includes microclimatic measurements using very sensitive instrumentation and sophisticated automation and datalogger equipment. The company also has experience in making solar controls, in both active and passive capacities. Promet rents datalogging and meteorological equipment, and air quality measurement instrumentation such as analyzers for oxides of nitrogen and sulphur.

Gas monitors include nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, hydrogen sulphide, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, ammonia, and ozone.

Research Organization:

Promet Environmental Group Ltd.

Dave S. Chadder Air Pollution Meteorologist Promet Environmental Group Ltd. 1338P-36 Ave. N.E. Calgary, Alberta T2E 6T6 (403)-276-9123

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Preparation and Analysis of Air Sampling Filters

Bondar-Clegg & Company specializes in the preparation and analysis of sampling filters. Work has concentrated on analyzing the collected material for heavy metal content, but the laboratory has a capability to run PCB and DDT tests, particularly in water, soils, or sediments.

Research Organization:

Bondar-Clegg & Company Limited

Peter Helena Bondar-Clegg & Company Limited 764 Belfast Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z5 (613)-237-3110

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Indoor Air Quality Sampling

Novalab Limited has full analytical capability for indoor air quality sampling and analysis. Equipment available includes sampling devices, gas chromatograph, liquid chromatograph and gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer.

Research Organization:

Novalab Limited

Dr. I-Fu (Alex) Hung Manager, Technical Services Novalab Limited 9420 Côte de Liesse Lachine, Québec H8T 1A1 (514)-636-6219 or 631-1838

Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Client studies are confidential.

Formaldehyde and Air Contamination Committee

The British Columbia Ministry of Health participates actively in the Formaldehyde and Air Contamination Committee of a B.C. Inter-Ministry Committee of Safety and Occupational Health (see separate entry under B.C. Ministry of Labour). The Division of Epidemiology published interim guidelines for domestic formaldehyde exposure in 1981 (0.1 ppm), for distribution to health districts and health departments in British Columbia.

The Ministry also sits on the Federal-Provincial Working Group on Indoor Air Quality.

Research Organization:

British Columbia Ministry of Health

Peter Bazowski, Deputy Minister B.C. Ministry of Health 1515 Blanshard St. Victoria, B.C. V8W 3C8 (604)-387-5494

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Division of Epidemiology, B.C. Ministry of Health, 1981. "Interim Guidelines for Domestic Formaldehyde Exposure: July 30, 1981". Inquire BC Min. of Health, 1515 Blanshard, Victoria V8W 3C8.

- 1. Interaction Between Energy Conservation and Indoor Air Quality
- 2. Residential Chimney Backdraft Checklist: Design and Evaluation

Sheltair Scientific has conducted a number of studies which investigate the relationship between energy conservation measures, such as sealing building envelopes, and air quality within a home.

Recent work for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation involved the preparation of a residential chimney backdraft checklist for determining the potential for downdrafts in combustion flues.

Further field testing is underway to produce a more comprehensive safety check capable of detecting any potential air pollution hazard from failure of vented combustion appliances. Remedial measures are being implemented and evaluated on houses that fail the safety check.

Sheltair is also participating in a number of research projects involving the design and evaluation of residential ventilation systems in airtight new housing on the west coast.

Research Organization:

Sheltair Scientific Ltd.

Sebastian Moffatt Sheltair Scientific Ltd. 3422 West First Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1G7 (604)-732-9106

Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Backdraft study: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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(Proj. Officer: J. Lorimer; Scientific Authority: J. White/P. Russell)

Publication:

Moffatt, Sebastian, (not yet published). "Residential Chimney Backdraft Checklist: Design and Evaluation". Sheltair Scientific Ltd. for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Inquire Canada Housing Information Centre, CMHC, Montreal Road, Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Emissions from Woodstoves

Roche Associés has been involved in many surveys of formaldehyde levels in homes insulated with Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation, funded by Supply and Services Canada.

Air contaminant studies have also been realized for many clients in offices and schools. The sampling was often for: oxygen percentage, carbon monoxide, dusts, fumes, solvents and various gases that could be suspected, usually complemented by temperature and relative humidity measurements, as well as ventilation surveys. These studies were followed by detailed reports and recommendations, but not published, since the studies were generally of private interest.

The firm employs engineers, chemists, architects, construction specialists and various other specialists. The company is well equipped with many measurement instruments and has a laboratory for handling most of the analyses relating to air pollution measurements.

Among the firm's most recent work in the indoor air quality field is a literature inventory of information on polycylic organic matter emanating from woodstoves. The client was Environment Canada.

Research Organization:

Roche Associés Ltée

Donald Labrie 2535 Boul. Laurier Ste. Foy, Québec G1V 4M3 (418)-871-9600

Funding Organization:

Woodstove study: Environment Canada

DeGuise Pilon, Ingénieur de projets Assainissement de l'air, Service de la protection de l'environnement Environnement Canada, Région du Québec Bureau 410, 1550 ouest, boul. de Maisonneuve Montréal, Québec H3G 1N2 (514)-283-2341

Publication:

Roche Associés Ltée. (not yet published) "Inventory of Polycyclic Organic Matter from Woodstoves: English/French Summary". Inquire Environment Canada, 1550 Boul. de Maissoneuve, Montreal H3G 1N2.

Roche Associés Ltée., 1983. "Quantification et prévision des émissions provenant du chauffage résidentiel au bois au Québec". Environment Canada, March 1983, French only, No. 12SD.KE303-2-0217. Inquire Environment Canada, 1550 Boul. de Maissoneuve, Montreal H3G 1N2.

Environmental Health Factors in Falling Accidents

This study surveys the literature, and other sources of expertise, to assess the possible role of environmental air pollutants in accidents involving falls in buildings.

Evidence is presented which shows that certain pollutants can cause both gross and subtle perceptual and motor ability changes, which clearly add to the risk of a falling accident occurring. In addition, it is shown that some people can be much more highly susceptible to common indoor air pollutants than others, and specific precautions to help such persons minimize risk of accidents are outlined.

The study recommends that indoor air pollution should be recognized as both a health problem and a safety problem, and a number of followup investigations are suggested.

Research Organization:

Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited

Bruce M. Small, P.Eng. Small and Associates R.R.#1 Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0 (416)-294-3531

Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada DSS Contract #05SX 31155-2-3205

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Medical Engineering Section, Rm. 178, Bldg. M50
Division of Electrical Engineering
National Research Council of Canada
Montreal Rd.
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R6
(613)-993-0475

Publication:

Small, Bruce M., 1982. "Environmental Health Factors in Falling Accidents: November 1982". Small and Associates for National Research Council of Canada. Research Report, 75 pg. Inquire Medical Engineering Section, Rm. 178, Bldg. M50, NRC Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Accreditation of Standards-Writing Organizations

The Standards Council of Canada operates a program for the accreditation of Canadian standards-writing organizations, two of which develop standards in subject areas which pertain to indoor air quality:

- o Canadian Standards Association: develops standards in areas of environmental sciences, measurement of air pollution, electrostatic air cleaners, air conditioners, electric heaters, etc.
- o Canadian General Standards Board: develops standards in area of home building products, insulation, etc.

The Standards Council also operates separate programs to accredit Canadian certification organizations and Canadian testing laboratories. The latter program is open to environmental laboratories which might, for example, perform tests on air samples to measure pollutant content.

The Council's Standards Information Service functions as the national standards information centre, and provides a comprehensive information service on national, foreign and international standards, related documentation and activities. The information centre has acquired and maintains a reference collection of 300,000 standards and related documents. (Toll free service 1-800-267-8220).

Research Organization:

Standards Council of Canada Head Office 350 Sparks Street, Suite 1203 Ottawa, Ontario K1R 7S8

Tel: (613)-238-3222

Telex: 053-4403 STANCAN OTT

Publications:

Pamphlets available from Standards Council of Canada, 350 Sparks St., Suite 1203, Ottawa K1R 7S8; Tel: (613)-238-3222:

"Standards Council of Canada", June 1984, forty-pages.

"The National System of Standards in Canada", July 1982. (Inquire Public Relations Branch).

"Does Your Lab Offer Quality Services?", 1984. (Inquire National Standardization Branch).

Standards for Methods of Measurement of Indoor Air Contaminants

The Canadian Standards Association, through its Air Pollution Control Committee, is continuing to develop and refine a series of standards for methods of measuring air pollutants both indoors and outdoors.

Standards presently available include:

Others presently being developed include methods for measurement of total suspended particulates, vinyl chloride, arsenic, lead, mercury and flourides in air.

Research Organization:

Canadian Standards Association

John Watson Canadian Standards Association 178 Rexdale Boulevard Rexdale, Ontario M9W 1R3 (416)-747-4102 Telex 06-989344

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publications:

Inquire CSA, 178 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, Ont. M9W 1R3 (416)-747-4000

Literature Review and Analysis re Ventilation Standards

This project is a fact finding mission concerning ventilation standards and related concerns. The literature on ventilation standards is being reviewed and an executive summary is being developed, identifying the need, or otherwise, for consensus standards for controlled ventilation.

The report will be used as a position paper and reference paper for a Canadian Standards Association standards committee.

Research Organization:

Brian Dickens c/o P.O. Box 390 Imperial Harbour Estates Bonita Springs, Florida USA 33923 (813)-992-7058

Funding Organization:

Canadian Standards Association

Brian Rosborough Canadian Standards Association 178 Rexdale Blvd. Rexdale, Ontario M9W 1R3 (416)-747-4365

Publication:

Dickens, Brian (not yet published). "Controlled Ventilation in Houses: A Summary Review". Inquire Canadian Standards Association, 178 Rexdale Blvd., Rexdale, Ontario M9W 1R3.

Field Performance Evaluation of Departmental Houses

Various field performance evaluations were conducted, by Scanada Consultants Limited, on selected DIAND housing units in Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.

Building inspections were performed on two residential units, referred to as DIAND 426 and 598. Field testing took place from December 1st to 7th, 1982, focusing on three areas:

- o degree of airtightness;
- o insulation performance; and
- o air quality of the indoor air.

Both formaldehyde and carbon dioxide were measured in the houses. Cursory measurements indicated carbon dioxide levels were not of concern, but that formaldehyde levels were slightly high in one of the houses.

Research Organization:

Scanada Consultants Limited (Contract 82-421/File A1632-82-421) 446 Reynolds Street Oakville, Ontario L6J 3M4 (416)-842-3633

Funding Organization:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

G. W. Richards, Supervising Technologist Buildings Division Technical Services and Contracts Branch Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4 (613)-997-9166

Publication:

Scanada Consultants Limited, 1983. "Field Performance Evaluation of Departmental Houses 426 and 598 Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.". Contract 82-421/File A1632-82-421, for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, January 26, 1983, 74 pages, Doct. No. EA-HQ-83-52. Available from Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa K1A 0H4.

Energy Efficient Northern Housing

DIAND Building Division Staff monitored performance of existing Departmental houses #426 and 598 in Frobisher Bay, N.W.T. (two relatively-airtight, highly-insulated prefabricated buildings) from April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983. This project was accepted as part of the National Energy Program in 1982/83, through the Inter-department Building Energy Conservation Sector Committee (BECS).

The objects of the work were to evaluate energy conservation technology, for application to northern energy-efficient house design, construction and retrofit, and to develop recommendations contributing to the formulation of northern residential standards for energy conservation. Measurement included ventilation rates, as well as air quality and comfort levels.

The work was planned to be continued into the 1983/84 period.

Research Organization:

Buildings Division, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

B. Semchuk, Buildings Division Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4 (613)-997-0337

Funding Organization:

Energy Mines and Resources Canada, with Indian and Northern Affairs

G. W. Richards, Supervising Technologist Buildings Division Technical Services and Contracts Branch Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4 (613)-997-9166

Publication:

Buildings Division, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, 1983. "Status Report on Research and Development Project, Energy Efficient Northern Housing, Frobisher Bay, N.W.T." Research Report, September 1983, 17 pages, Doct. No. EA-HQ-83-50. Available from Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa K1A 0H4.

Indoor Air Quality Investigation and Analysis

SENES Consultants Limited is a group of professional engineers and scientists providing specialized services in the areas of environmental, nuclear and energy studies. The firm has considerable experience in the areas of indoor air quality and occupational hygiene.

Experience includes response to suspected cases of indoor contamination in commercial and industrial facilities and in residences. Monitoring experience includes measurements of lead, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulphur compounds, ozone, radon, radon daughters, dust, odours, and noise.

In addition to these monitoring services, SENES provides data analysis, undertakes problem identification, formulates corrective actions and recommends control procedures. SENES also has experience in compliance monitoring of radon and radon daughter levels in buildings.

The firm has extensive capability in outdoor air quality, water quality, climatology, meteorology and radiation measurement, evaluation and reporting on hazardous and low level radioactive waste management, and in environmental impact assessment.

Research Organization:

SENES Consultants Limited

Eugene Koczkur, Chairman SENES Consultants Limited 499 McNicoll Ave. Toronto, Ontario M2H 2C9 (416)-499-5030

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are generally not available and in some cases may be confidential.

Publications in the open literature include:

Lowe, L.M. and Chambers, D.B., 1983. "TLV's for Non-Standard Work Schedules". Pollution Engineering, November 1983.

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Case, G.G., Chambers, D.B., and Lowe, L.M., 1983. "Calculation of Radiation Exposure in a Case Control Study of Lung Cancers in Port Hope, Ontario". Presented at the Fourth Annual Conference of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association, Toronto, Ontario, May 1983.

Chambers, D.B., Lowe, L.M., Sutherland, R.B., and Chart, E.J., 1981. "Potential Health Impact of Enhanced Radiation Levels in Port Hope". Presented at the Second Annual Meeting of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association, Ottawa, Ontario, May 1981.

Case, G.G., 1979. "Site Investigation Techniques". Presented at the Second Workshop on Radon and Radon Daughters in Urban Communities Associates with Uranium Mining and Processing, Bancroft, Ontario, March 1979.

Case, G.G., 1979. "The Seasonal Fluctuation of the Radon Daughter to Parent Radon Ratio (commonly known as the Equilibrium Factor "f")". Presented at the Second Workshop on Radon and Radon Daughters in Urban Communities Associated with Uranium Mining and Processing, Bancroft, Ontario, March 1979.

Case, G.G., 1978. "The Radon/Working Level Profile". Presented at the First Workshop on Radon and Radon Daughters in Urban Communities Associated with Uranium Mining and Processing, Elliot Lake, Ontario, March 1978.

- 1. Measurement of UFFI Off-gassing
- 2. Remedial Measures for UFFI Homes

Dr. H. Gesser, in conjunction with Dr. Samoiloff, both of University of Manitoba, has conducted a number of studies on the off-gassing of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation.

Recently, another study involved testing energy-efficient homes for abatement of formaldehyde levels with the operation of airto-air heat exchangers. A study is also underway to determine the reaction of ammonia gas with urea formaldehyde foam insulation and the effectiveness of ammonia treatment in houses.

Additional research has involved the testing and development of treated filters for use with forced air heating systems. High molecular weight polymeric amines are used to react specifically with formaldehyde. Further testing is required to increase the filter lifetime and devise ways of reducing cost (patent pending).

Further research proposed for joint work with Dr. Samoiloff will involve the development of passive systems for monitoring indoor air quality. Passively exposed samples will be directly tested for toxicity, using biological systems.

Dr. Samoiloff, a biologist, has conducted experiments involving the exposure of nematodes to formaldehyde, in order to assess biological effects and develop biological monitors. (see also entry for Bioquest International Inc.)

Work underway includes a study to collect and fractionate samples of effluent gases from UFFI samples. These fractions are being tested for bacteriocidal activity by Dr. Samoiloff. Those effluent chemicals, that are shown to have biological activity, will be identified and quantified by Dr. Gesser.

Research Organization:

University of Manitoba

Dr. H. D. Gesser, 532 Chemistry Building Dr. Martin R. Samoiloff, Dept. of Zoology University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2 (204)-474-9893 (Gesser) (204)-474-9821 (Samoiloff)

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Division of Building Research
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Publications:

Gesser, H.D. (in press). "The Reduction of Indoor Formaldehyde Gas and that Emanating From Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI)". Environmental International.

Air Quality Monitoring

Pan Canadian Consultants Limited has a capability for air quality analyses, including measurement of carbon monoxide and organic contaminants. The firm has no in-house laboratory facilities but has access to outside laboratories.

Research Organization:

Pan Canadian Consultants Limited

William B. Alderton Pan Canadian Consultants Limited Suite 626, 744 West Hastings Street Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1A5 (604)-688-8618

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Canadian Centre for Toxicology

The Canadian Centre for Toxicology has been incorporated as a non-profit research and teaching centre for toxicology in Canada. It is an autonomous centre and represents a joint undertaking between the University of Toronto, the University of Guelph, the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and industry.

Initial plans for the Centre involved research in toxicology, training of students in toxicology, providing information to the public and to researchers, and providing services as may be required by industry, government or the public at large. The Centre may be involved in research on proprietary compounds. The Centre will have facilities at both the University of Toronto and the University of Guelph. Administrative headquarters will be at Guelph.

Research Organization:

Canadian Centre for Toxicology

Dr. Ian C. Munro Canadian Centre for Toxicology 645 Gordon St. Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1 (519)-837-3320

Funding Organization:

Government of Ontario University of Guelph University of Toronto

Each of the governments of Canada and Ontario initially earmarked the expenditure of \$10 million for capital construction for the Centre. The Centre was to be built in phases, with the first phase involving \$24 million of capital. Federal funding was cancelled in the fall of 1984.

Publication:

Canadian Centre for Toxicology, 1984. "Planning Study" and "Facilities Needs Study". Inquire Canadian Centre for Toxicology, 645 Gordon St., Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1.

Air quality Monitoring, Environmental and Socio-economic Impact

Western Research has extensive experience in outdoor ambient and stack air quality monitoring, primarily at sour-gas plants. Capability in air quality monitoring, and in environmental and socio-economic impact studies, could be applied in indoor air quality studies. The company has consulting, laboratory and field personnel.

Western Research is conducting a feasibility study, for determining the concentration of formaldehyde in air, using chromotography. This will demonstrate the feasibility of hydrogenation as a technique for lowering the detection limit for formaldehyde in air.

Research Organization:

Western Research Division of Bow Valley Resource Services Ltd.

John McKee / Don Colley Western Research 1313 - 44th Ave. N.E. Calgary, Alberta T2E 6L5 (403)-276-8806

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies.

Publication:

Client reports are confidential. For some publications on ambient air quality monitoring, inquire Western Research at address above.

Consumer Information and Complaint Service

The Consumer Information Centre and the Licencing and Investigation Branch of Saskatchewan Consumer and Commercial Affairs responds to public questions about products which affect air quality, and complaints regarding indoor air quality problems. Response is in several forms, as applicable:

- o provision of information;
- o investigation of complaints;
- o referral to other agencies (e.g. Saskatchewan Research Council, National Research Council of Canada, Saskatchewan Health and Labour, and Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada).

Research Organization:

Consumer Information Centre Saskatchewan Consumer and Commercial Affairs 1871 Smith Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7 (306)-565-5550

Funding Organization:

Government of Saskatchewan

Ron Kesslar, Deputy Minister Saskatchewan Consumer and Commercial Affairs 1871 Smith Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7 (306)-565-5551

Airborne Asbestos Investigation in University Classrooms.

Airborne asbestos in a university's older buildings was sampled and quantified. The concentrations of crysotile asbestos were lower than the Ontario recommended safety limit.

Work completed 1982.

Research Organization:

Saskatchewan Research Council

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Environment Sector Saskatchewan Research Council 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Research Associate: K. Wallace, B.Sc. (Hons.)

Funding Organization:

University of Saskatchewan, Occupational Health and Safety Committee

Publication:

Yoshida, K., et al, 1982. "Investigations of ambient air within University of Saskatchewan Buildings for Possible Presence of Asbestos Particles". Saskatchewan Research Council Pub. P-781-3-E-82; inquire K. Yoshida, SRC, 30 Campus Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0X1.

Air Quality Investigation of an Office Building for Possible Presence of Airborne Asbestos.

Confidential client study.

Research Organization:

Saskatchewan Research Council

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Environment Sector Saskatchewan Research Council 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Research Associate: K. Wallace, B.Sc. (Hons.)

Funding Organization:

Client funded.

Publication:

Client report is confidential.

Airborne Formaldehyde Concentration in Carcass Storage Rooms of the College of Veterinary Medicine

The concentration of formaldehyde was high enough to cause a chronic health hazard to an anatomy laboratory technician. A control measure was proposed to prevent further contamination of adjacent confinements.

Work completed 1980.

Research Organization:

Saskatchewan Research Council

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Environment Sector Saskatchewan Research Council 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Research Associate: K. Wallace, B.Sc. (Hons.)

Funding Organization:

University of Saskatchewan, Occupational Health & Safety Committee

Publication:

Yoshida, K., and Wallace, K., 1980. "Determination of Airborne Formaldehyde Concentration in Carcass Storage rooms of the College of Veterinary Medicine." Saskatchewan Research Council Pub. P-786-4-C-80; Inquire K. Yoshida, SRC, 30 Campus Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0X1.

- 1. Bad Odour Problems at a Retail Store
- 2. Airborne Asbestos Particles in a Printing Press
- 3. Air Quality in an Energy Efficient Office Building.

Confidential client studies.

Work completed 1982 and 1983.

Research Organization:

Saskatchewan Research Council

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Environment Sector K. Wallace, B.Sc. (Hons.), Environment Sector Saskatchewan Research Council 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-8120

Funding Organization:

Client funded

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Assessment of Airborne Asbestos Contamination in Saskatoon Arena

Airborne asbestos inside a building was sampled and analyzed for non-occupational exposure assessment. The fiber concentration of chrysotile asbestos was lower than the recommended standard of Ontario.

Activity completed in 1979-1980.

Research Organization:

University of Saskatchewan

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor Dept. of Social and Preventive Medicine, College of Medicine University of Saskatchewan c/o Saskatchewan Research Council, 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Research Associate: J. W. Markham (at present with University of Calgary)

Funding Organization:

City of Saskatoon

Publications:

Markham, J.W., and Yoshida, K., 1979. "Investigation of the Ambient Air Within the Saskatoon Arena for the Presence of Asbestos Particles." Dept. Soc. & Prev. Med., Univ. of Saskatchewan. Inquire K. Yoshida, SRC, 30 Campus Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0X1.

Markham, J.W., and Yoshida, K., 1980. "Assessment of Asbestos Contamination of Air in the Saskatoon Arena During Knights of Columbus Indoor Games." Dept. Soc. & Prev. Med., Univ. of Saskatchewan. Inquire K. Yoshida, SRC, 30 Campus Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0X1

Indoor Air Quality and Health Investigation of Three Schools

An extensive case-control study was conducted, along with detailed examination of indoor air quality in a new energy efficient school building, in comparison with 2 other schools. Causes of health complaints by teachers and pupils were uncertain. Aspects of mass psychogenic illness was discussed as a possible cause.

Work completed 1981.

Research Organization:

University of Saskatchewan

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor Dept. of Social and Preventive Medicine, College of Medicine University of Saskatchewan c/o Saskatchewan Research Council, 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Primary Researcher: J. W. Markham, M.B., FRCP(c) (at present with University of Calgary)

Funding Organization:

Health Department, City of Regina

Publication:

Markham, J.W., and Yoshida, K., 1981. "An Investigation of Health Complaints at McLurg School, Regina." Dept. Soc. & Prev. Med., Univ. of Saskatchewan. Inquire K. Yoshida, SRC, 30 Campus Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0X1.

Investigations of Potential Respiratory Irritants or Allergens in Thermally Insulated or Fire-gutted Homes

Confidential clinical studies.

Work completed 1983.

Research Organization:

University of Saskatchewan

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor Dept. of Social and Preventive Medicine, College of Medicine University of Saskatchewan c/o Saskatchewan Research Council, 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Funding Organization:

Private client.

Publication:

Client report is confidential.

Airborne Asbestos Particles in a Curling Rink

The presence of amosite asbestos originated from sprayed ceiling was identified. However, the airborne concentration was far below any existing safety standards.

Work completed 1982.

Research Organization:

University of Saskatchewan

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor Dept. of Social and Preventive Medicine, College of Medicine University of Saskatchewan c/o Saskatchewan Research Council, 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Primary Researcher: J. W. Markham, M.B., FRCP(c) (at present with University of Calgary)

Funding Organization:

Saskatchewan Department of Health

Publication:

Markham, J.W., and Yoshida, K., 1982. "An Investigation of Ambient Air Inside a Curling Rink, Swift Current, for Possible Presence of Airborne Asbestos Particles." Dept. Soc. & Prev. Med., Univ. of Saskatchewan. Inquire K. Yoshida, SRC, 30 Campus Drive, Saskatoon S7N 0X1.

Airborne Asbestos Particles in a Large Office Building

Confidential client study.

Work completed 1982.

Research Organization:

University of Saskatchewan

Ken Yoshida, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor Dept. of Social and Preventive Medicine, College of Medicine University of Saskatchewan c/o Saskatchewan Research Council, 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1 (306)-664-5436

Primary Researcher: J. W. Markham, M.B., FRCP(c) (at present with University of Calgary)

Funding Organization:

Saskatchewan Power Corporation

Publication:

Client report is confidential.

Investigation of Health and Comfort Complaints in the Workplace

The New Brunswick Occupation Health and Safety Commission responds to complaints received regarding health and comfort problems in office buildings. These are largely from high rise buildings and during the cold season. Complaints are non-specific and in the nature of sore throats, runny noses, eye irritation, headaches, rashes, general malaise, etc. In a few cases, pollutants such as formaldehyde, ozone, carbon monoxide, dust, solvents, etc. have been measured, but no significant amounts have been detected, i.e. levels were far below the occupational health standards, or Threshold Limit Values (TLVs.

Recommendations made in such situations may include checking of the ventilation system for obvious sources of pollutants, regular maintenance of the system, to provide 6 L/s (12 cfm) of fresh air per person as required under Regulation 77-1 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, and to maintain humidity at acceptable levels.

Developments in the indoor air quality field are being monitored. Consideration is being given to adopting a standard such as ASHRAE 62-1981 for office environments as a guideline.

Organization:

New Brunswick Occupation Health and Safety Commission

Bandu Imbulgoda, Occupational Hygienist Occupation Health and Safety Commission (of New Brunswick) P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H1 (506)-453-2467

Funding Organization:

Same as above

Air Control Systems

LMBDS-SIDAM Inc. is deeply involved in industrial and plant engineering, dealing with large volume HVAC systems (heating, ventilating and air conditioning). Other work includes commercial renovations, office buildings and light industry plants.

They have experience in designing to strict air control standards for the hospital environment. Also they are equipped to advise clients on means of meeting new Quebec standards, set down in recent occupational health and safety legislation.

Research Organization:

LMBDS-SIDAM Inc.

J. L. Roquet, Vice-President, Marketing LMBDS-SIDAM Inc. 515 W. St. Catherine St., #625 Montreal, Quebec H3B 1B4 (514)-282-1803

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Socio-economic and Energy-related Impacts of Regulations

James F. Hickling Management Consultants Ltd. has experience particularly in analyzing socio-economic impact. For example, they have presently just completed a study of the socio-economic effects of the phase-out of lead in gasoline in Canada, for Environment Canada.

The same capability is applicable to the question of potential impact of regulations to promote acceptable indoor air quality, or to the potential effectiveness, in behavioural terms, of proposed solutions to residential and other indoor air quality problems.

Research Organization:

James F. Hickling Management Consultants Ltd.

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James F. Hickling Management Consultants Ltd.
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350 Sparks St.
Ottawa, Ontario
K1R 7S8
(613)-237-2220

Publication

Lead phaseout study not yet published. Inquire to address above.

- 1. Development of Air Purifiers
- 2. Testing of UFFI Homes

Nova Chem Ltd. has had extensive involvement in the testing of formaldehye levels in homes insulated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, throughout the Maritime provinces. This work was under contract to Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

Most recently, the company has completed a report on the development of air purifiers. This work involved investigation of various pollutant absorbant systems, designed to purify the indoor air in homes.

Research Organization:

Nova Chem Ltd.

Dr. D. Davies Nova Chem Ltd. P.O. Box 1030 Armdale Halifax, Nova Scotia B3L 4K9 (902)-455-4690

Funding Organization:

Air Purifiers: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation UFFI Testing: Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Office Montreal Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2306

Publication:

Nova Chem Ltd., August 1983. "Development of Air Purifiers". For Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Inquire Canada Housing Information Centre, CMHC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0P7.

HVAC Design

W. L. Wardop & Associates Ltd. has approximately thirty years of experience in the HVAC (Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning) design field. Experience includes familiarity with nuclear and hazardous waste storage and design of ventilating systems handling these materials.

Research Organization:

W. L. Wardrop & Associates Ltd.

W. D. (Bud) Christie, P.Eng. W. L. Wardrop & Associates Ltd. 77 Main St. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3H1 (204)-956-0980

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

- 1. Indoor Air Quality and Risk Assessment
- 2. Development of Passive Sampler Systems

Bioquest International, Inc., is very active in the area of determination of indoor air quality and risk assessment, and is presently receiving federal funds for the development of passive sampler systems, to be coupled with bioassays for location of potential problem locations in buildings, and in the evaluation of corrective measures.

As well, Bioquest has been active in the area of determination of potential hazards in occupational settings, including evaluation for toxic constituents in air.

The basic scientific premise of the firm is that the determination of toxic potential in contaminated environments can best be determined by the application of biological "yardsticks" to samples of the contaminated environment, rather than by merely determining the presence and levels of specific chemicals from a hazardous chemical list. In part, this is because such lists are often incomplete, and fail to consider the interactions between various contaminants, but also because of a conviction that it is the effect of the contaminants in a particular environment that is of primary importance.

Dr. Martin R. Samoiloff, Department of Zoology, University of Manitoba, is Bioquest's senior scientist for these projects. (See separate entry for work by Dr. Samoiloff and Dr. H. D. Gesser on the determination of toxicity of urea-formaldehyde foams, and evaluation of toxic constituents of foams.)

Research Organization:

Bioquest International Inc.

Ms. Hortencia Acosta, Project Manager Bioquest International Inc. 7 Loyola Bay Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 3J7 (204)-269-3067

Funding Organization:

Passive sampling: Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

UFFI Centre/Centre de la MIUF Place du Centre Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 1-800-567-6870

Publications:

Inquire Bioquest International at address above.

Building Investigations and Literature Reviews

The British Columbia Ministry of Labour has not undertaken formal research projects dealing with indoor air quality in homes. However, the Occupational Environment Branch of the Ministry is very much involved in assessing workplace air quality. The Subcommittee on Formaldehyde amd Air Contamination in Public Buildings, under the B.C. Inter-Ministry Committee on Safety and Occupational Health, recommended, in July 1983, that the Occupational Environment Branch of the Ministry of Labour be designated as the appropriate agency to continue the work of the Subcommittee. Ministry activities include:

- o Investigation of complaints of indoor air quality in commercial occupancies;
- o Ensuring that the minimum outdoor air requirements, specified in ASHRAE 62-81, are provided in the buildings investigated;
- o Ensuring that building HVAC systems are operated so that contaminants, generated during non-occupied periods, are controlled;
- Producing a report on formaldehyde and indoor air quality, for circulation to interested parties in British Columbia (see reference below);
- o Conducting a program of evaluating and controlling the hazards, caused by friable asbestos insulation in existing buildings (see references below); and
- o Production of a booklet on office conditions, in which the issues of indoor air quality and adequate ventilation rates are addressed (to begin in near future).

(An additional summary of the Occupational Environment Branch's mandate and approach to indoor air quality is included following the listing of publications.)

Research Organization:

British Columbia Ministry of Labour

K. R. Martin, Director Occupational Environment Branch B.C. Ministry of Labour #220 - 4946 Canada Way Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4J6 (604)-291-9494

Funding Organization:

Same as above

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Publications:

Occupational Environment Branch, B.C. Ministry of Labour, 1983. "Report of the Subcommittee on Formaldehyde and Air Contamination in Buildings to the British Columbia Inter-Ministry Committee of Safety and Occupational Health". Research report No. ST30120-1, July 1983, 32 pages. Inquire B.C. Min. of Labour, #220-4946 Canada Way, Burnaby V5G 4J6

Occupational Environment Branch, B.C. Ministry of Labour, 1983. "What You Should Know About Asbestos (A uideline Program for the Control and Management of Friable Asbestos Material in Buildings)" Booklet, ISBN 0-7719-9787-6, 10 pages. Inquire B.C. Min. of Labour, #220-4946 Canada Way, Burnaby V5G 4J6.

Committee on Asbestos Hazards in Public Buildings, Occupational Environment Branch, B.C. Ministry of Labour, 1983. "The Control and Management of Friable Asbestos Materials: (Guidelines for identifying and controlling the hazards associated with friable asbestoscontaining building materials). Booklet, ISBN 0-7719-9149-5, 16 pages. Inquire B.C. Min. of Labour, #220-4946 Canada Way, Burnaby V5G 4J6

Additional Summary: Occupational Environment Branch - B.C. Min. of Labour

The Occupational Environment Branch, B.C. Ministry of Labour, has a responsibility to ensure that working environments meet minimum standards which are conducive to the health, safety and well being of employees. This includes the provision of acceptable indoor air quality in factories, offices and stores within the province.

The Branch has received a large number of employee complaints of discomfort or illness that may be linked to indoor air quality. Upper respiratory irritation, allergy-like reactions, and headaches are typical of the reported employee symptoms. The symptoms often affect, to a varying degree, a significant portion of the building's population. Widely differing individual sensitivities to poor air quality conditions have been observed. The symptoms are usually specific to the building, so that when employees leave the building, the symptoms disappear.

Low level accumulations of indoor contaminants, such as cigarette smoke, formaldehyde gas, carbon dioxide, appear to be the most probable causes of the indoor air quality complaints, yet testing for elevated levels of specific contaminants is often fruitless. The problems appear most often in buildings of recent construction for where energy saving practices have been instituted. For example, to save energy the amount of indoor air introduced into a building may have been reduced. Problems can often be rectified by examining and modifying the operation of the building's heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, to ensure that adequate fresh air is delivered to all spaces.

The Branch uses the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers, (ASHRAE), Standard 62-1981 as a guide in appraising acceptable indoor air quality conditions. The standard addresses

the need for lead time operation of HVAC systems in buildings where the systems are shutdown or operate in a full recirculation mode during non-occupied periods. We have found that lead cycles must often be modified to allow for adequate dilution of any contaminants which have been generated in the building space independently of the occupants or their activities.

The following are examples of indoor air quality problems found in commercial buildings:

- o poor distribution of ventilation air in the building;
- o inadequate or intermittent ventilation rates, particularly in variable air volume systems;
- o contaminated air entering the building through fresh air intakes or openings (for example, automobile exhausts from parking garages and pesticides or fertilizers from gardens and lawns near the building);
- o lack of outdoor, air due to fresh air dampers being closed to save energy;
- o low humidity levels during winter months;
- o contaminants of indoor origin, off-gassing from furniture, building materials, or photocopying; and/or
- o contaminants from chemicals used in building maintenance.

Investigation of Homes with Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation

Field investigation into wall and window construction and infiltration problems, development of appropriate corrective measures for on-site applications on commercial and institutional buildings.

Investigations of the circumstances surrounding specific houses containing urea-formaldehyde foam insulation and the success of any remedial measures. (completed 1983)

Investigation into urea-formaldehyde foamed-in-place insulation and of the interaction between houses, U.F.F.I., climate, occupants and remedial measures.

Research Organization:

Clerk Window & Wall Technical Services Ltd.

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Division of Building Research
National Research Council of Canada
Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6
(613)-993-1821

Publication:

Clerk, Marc, 1983. "Investigations of the Circumstances Surrounding Specific Houses Containing Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation and the Success of any Remedial Measures". For National Research Council of Canada. DBR Publications, NRC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

- 1. Indoor Air Quality Evaluations
- 2. Monitoring of Developments in the Indoor Air Quality Field

The Occupational Health Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Health is keeping close track of developments in the field of indoor air pollution.

T. A. Mejzner, P.Eng. Director of the Division, represents the Department on the Federal-Provincial Working Group on Indoor Air Pollution. Division staff has also been involved in various committees dealing with houses insulated with ureaformaldehyde foam insulation, and has been evaluating indoor air quality since 1980. The number of residential evaluations peaked in 1981, when 368 homes were checked, prior to Federal inspection and grant programs for UFFI.

Inspections are still carried out for homeowners, at the request of physicians who suspect their patients' symptoms may be caused by poor indoor air quality. Current investigations usually consist of formaldehyde measurement, but often include checks for the presence of other hydrocarbons and gaseous and particulate contaminants, as well as biological agents. Standards presently used by the Division are:

- 1. Environmental Standards:
- 2. Threshold Limit Values (TLVs);
- 3. Levels proposed in drafts presented at different meetings of the Fed/Prov. Working Group; and
- 4. Canadian, U.S. and British Code Ventilation Standards.

Division staff has also been involved, when requested, in presentations to interested public groups, on indoor air pollution problems, including indoor air pollution in offices.

Research Organization:

Nova Scotia Department of Health

T. A. Mejzner, P.Eng., Director, or Jim LeBlanc, Occupational Hygienist Division of Occupational Health Nova Scotia Department of Health P.O. Box 488
Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Funding Organization:

Same as above. Residential investigations are confidential.

Publications:

No publications for general use issued to date.

Seminar Courses Pertaining to Indoor Air Quality

The Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, has organized and conducted a series of seminars pertaining to indoor air quality, and to the conditions required to maintain human health. Dr. Valerius Geist, principal speaker, has attempted to reach architects and designers within and beyond the university community, to relay information in this field that could be given practical application in building design and construction.

Research Organization:

University of Calgary

Dr. Valerius Geist Faculty of Environmental Design University of Calgary 2500 University Drive N.W. Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4 (403)-284-7430

Publication:

Geist, Valerius, 1978. "Life Strategies, Human Evolution, Environmental Design". Springer-Verlag, New York.

Wilson, Jim, 1983. "Indoor Air Quality: A 'Chemical Soup' in our Homes and Workplaces" (includes interview with Dr. Geist). Environment Views 6, No. 4, pp. 12-15, July/August 1983. Publication available from Alberta Environment, Communications Branch, 11th floor, Oxbridge Place, 9820 - 106 St., Edmonton T5K 2J6

Homeowner Information on Energy Conservation and Air Quality

Publication of a homeowner's 'question and answer' guide to home rewinterizing, to resolve confusion about conflicting recommendations, insulation hazards, etc. Contains section specifically dealing with questions of indoor air quality.

Development of video production capacity in energy conservation and indoor air quality, including four short videos for home show use, featuring caulking, weatherstripping, attic insulation and foundation wall insulation. Longer term projects include the formation of a stock shot-bank of video images which would allow others to produce inexpensive videos without technical field shooting.

Research Organization:

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(514)-598-9988

Funding Organization:

Homeowner guide: Independent Productions Four videos: Canadian Electrical Association

Georges Portelance Canadian Electrical Association 1 Westmount Square, Suite 580 Montreal, Quebec H3Z 2P9 (514)-937-6181

Publication:

Eakes, Jon, 1982. "Insulation Aftermath (The Canadian Answer Book to Home Insulation Conflict and Confusion)". Ontario Marketing Productions Limited, Softcover booklet, 79 pages. Inquire Rewinterizing, OMP, 109 Scollard St., Toronto Ont. M5R 1G4.

Eakes, Jon, 1984. "J'isole Mieux, Repérer et Corriger les Défauts de l'Isolation". Les Éditions de l'Homme, softcover book, 334 p. Updated Translation of "Insulation Aftermath". Inquire Les Éditions de l'Homme, 995, rue Amherst, Montréal, Québec H2L 3K4.

Indoor Air Quality Analysis for Microbial Factors and Trace Organics

CANPRO Laboratories concentrates primarily on commercial and industrial air quality analysis, but has been involved in some residential work as well. Experience includes formaldehyde analysis in homes insulated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation.

The laboratory is equipped with samplers to test for both microbiological factors and trace organic chemicals in air. Much of the microbiological work has been industrial and agricultural in nature, and includes detection of both moulds and mould toxins. Facilities are available for gas and liquid chromatography and gas chromatography/mass spectrometry.

Research Organization:

CANPRO Laboratories (A Division of Research Foods (1976) Ltd.)

Stuart Terhune CANPRO Laboratories 77 Champagne Dr. Downsview, Ontario M3J 2C6 (416)-635-8692

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Seminars on Ventilation of Energy Efficient Houses

As part of an extension program for rural audiences, seminars are presented dealing with mechanical ventilation and indoor air quality. Information is from published sources. Seminars are ongoing.

Research Organization:

Alberta Agriculture, Home & Community Design Branch

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Energy Management Engineer
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Research associate: Donna Bagdan

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Wharton, Donald, 1982. "Residential Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers". Home and Community Design Branch, Alberta Agriculture. Homedex 1700-78-4, Fact Sheet, 9 pages, September 1982. Available from Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton T6H 5T6 FO:

Contaminants from Residential Combustion Appliances in the Indoor Environment

The Residential Fuel Combustion Committee, APCA TS-2.3 of the Air Pollution Control Association, held a technical session at the 1984 Annual Meeting of the Air Pollution Control Association (APCA) in San Francisco, June 24-29, 1984, on the subject of 'Contaminants from Residential Combustion Appliances (in the indoor environment)'.

Increased emphasis on energy conservation has resulted in new types of heating equipment, such as unvented space heaters, undiluted furnaces and woodstoves. With the simultaneous reduction in air change by house tightening, some of these changes can bring about a benefit, while others may present serious pollution hazards to the house occupants. Contaminant levels and/or hazardous conditions, with their possible solutions, were highlighted.

The Ontario Section of the Air Pollution Control Association co-sponsored a specialty research seminar on recent developments in the measurement, evaluation and effects of indoor air pollution, May 13, 1983 at the University of Toronto. The seminar was co-sponsored with the Occupational Hygiene Association of Ontario, with program assistance from the Ontario Ministry of Labour and Dr. John L. Sullivan of the University of Western Ontario.

Research Organization:

Air Pollution Control Association

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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G1
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Publications:

Air Pollution Control Association, 1982. "APCA Issues Position Statement on Indoor Air Quality" (article). Air Pollution Control Association Journal 32, p. 548, May 1982.

Data Acquisition and Telemetry Systems Applicable to Air Quality Measurement

Canadian Applied Technology manufactures data acquisition and telemetry systems, and represents a line of air quality analyzers - for carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, various hydrocarbons, etc.

The Company equips firms to do full air quality investigations, including data logging and hard copy output. Any equipment providing voltage or current outputs can be interfaced with the datalogger and converted to engineering units. The datalogger may be used through an RS232 computer port, to provide a network approach with central microcomputer, graphics and plotting, etc.

Research Organization:

Canadian Applied Technology

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publications:

Inquire Canadian Applied Technology at address above.

Energy Efficient Buildings Program

The Canadian Electrical Association has been conducting an 'energy-efficient (Double E) building program' aimed at commercial, industrial and residential customers. CEA's role has been to provide information to the building trades. Several hundred Double E houses have been built across the country since the program began in 1979. Currently, the Residential Technical Committee of CEA is evaluating the existing Double E Homes and compiling an Owner's Manual for those who want to maximize the energy efficient features built into their homes.

The residential program advocates tighter building envelopes to reduce uncontrolled air leakage, but recognizes the importance of providing adequate air quality. Mechanical ventilation systems, capable of 0.5 air changes per hour, are required under the Program.

Research Organization:

Canadian Electrical Association

Georges Portelance, Manager CEA Customer Services Division Canadian Electrical Association Suite 580, One Westmount Square Montreal, Quebec H3Z 2P9 (514)-937-6181 Telex 05-267401

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Canadian Electrical Association, 1983. "Research Continues to Analyze Indoor Air Quality". Double E Information Vol. 2, No. 1, Spring/Summer 1983. Inquire Double E Information, 1 Westmount Sq., Montreal H3Z 2P9.

- 1. Literature Research and Air Quality Monitoring
- 2. Effects of Automotive Emissions

The Environmental Applications Group has experience primarily in outdoor air quality research and monitoring, but is presently entering the indoor air quality field.

Related work in outdoor air quality includes:

A literature review study, for Environment Canada, on the health and environmental effect of automobile exhaust emissions, plus indoor/outdoor air quality relationships.

Analyses of stack gas emissions being entrained into an office building ventilation system, and general assessment relevant to indoor air quality.

Receptor modelling of the contributions of emission sources of particulates to ambient loadings in cities across Canada.

Specification of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from indoor solvent use and smoking, as part of the Ontario VOC Emission Inventory.

Research Organization:

The Environmental Applications Group Ltd.

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Funding Organization:

Automobile emission study: Environment Canada

Publications:

The Environmental Applications Group, 1983. "Effects of Automotive Emissions". For Environment Canada. Inquire Environment Canada Publications, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3.

Kolomeychuk, R., Yeager, L., Spiegel, J., and Yassi, A., 1984. "Effects of Automotive Emissions". Preprints, 77th Annual Meeting of the Air Pollution Control Association, June 24-29th, 1984, San Francisco, California. Inquire Env. Applications Group, address above.

Air Exchange Products and Newsletter

Periodic newsletter, dealing with information on indoor air quality issues and promotion of company's air exchange products. Research, development and marketing of air exchange products for energy-conservative construction.

Research Organization:

CES - Conservation Energy Systems Inc.

Richard W. Olmstead, President Conservation Energy Systems 800 Spadina Crescent East P.O. Box 8280 Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 6C6 (306)-665-6030

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Conservation Energy Systems, Inc., 1983 to present. "The Air Exchange (Newsletter)". Regular publication, first issue Fall 1983. Available from CES, PO Box 8280, Saskatoon S7K 6C6.

Laboratory Services for Indoor Air Quality Sampling

The Enviroclean Division of MacLaren Plansearch has a fully equipped laboratory in London, Ontario, with trained personnel and equipment suitable for air sampling and analysis.

The laboratory is equipped for the determination of trace metals by atomic absorption, for organic vapours by gas chromatography and for a variety of other contaminants. Methods of analysis are those approved by NIOSH (U.S.) and the Ontario Ministry of Labour and are continuously reviewed and updated, in keeping with new developments in analytical methodology.

The lab's quality assurance program includes regular participation in a number of interlaboratory comparison programs, including the FICP check sample program (Agriculture Canada), the FCAP quality assurance program (Environment Canada) and the UFFI laboratory registration program.

MacLaren Plansearch, in conjunction with MacLaren Engineers, has conducted a number of large-scale research projects, including studies of indoor contaminant buildup in houses, monitoring of ambient air quality in offices, and a variety of ventilation studies using tracer dilution techniques.

Research Organization:

Enviroclean Division of MacLaren Plansearch

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies.

Publication:

Enviroclean, 1983. "Comprehensive Environmental Laboratory and Field Services". Inquire Enviroclean, 320 Adelaide St. S., London N5Z 3L2.

Chemical Hazards and Energy Conservation in Buildings

The study is a review of available information relevant to chemical hazards and energy conservation in buildings. It outlines measures for conserving energy in both dwellings and commercial buildings, identifies the most common sources of indoor airborne chemicals, together with the pollutant levels expected, discusses the potential health effects of these pollutants, and considers possible connections between conservation measures and health effects.

Research Organization:

Michael Holliday & Associates

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Funding Organization:

Health and Welfare Canada

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Publication:

Not yet published. Inquire Health and Welfare Canada at above address.

Master's Thesis: Home as a Hazard

This research has concentrated on developing and applying risk assessment techniques to the problem of chemical hazards in the domestic environment.

Completion December 1983.

Research Organization:

David Fletcher Department of Urban Geography University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1

Publication:

Fletcher, David (not yet published). "Home as a Hazard". Enquire Dept. of Urban Geography, Univ. of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A1.

Upgrading Residential Forced Air Filtration

Detached dwelling units, with forced air heating, offer the possibility to significantly lower levels of suspended particulate matter. Several medium-to-high efficiency filtration systems are compared-with respect to capital costs, annual operating costs and maintenance requirements.

Data from filter suppliers, heating system installers and maintenance companies are summarized. Costs for medium-efficiency filtration are marginally higher, initially, and equivalent in the long term, when compared with continued use of conventional low-efficiency filtration. Energy impacts may be minimal - any losses due to increased resistance are presumably balanced by gains in fan assembly efficiency, due to cleaner operation. Maintenance, at regular intervals, is obligatory for such filters.

Public health impacts may be anticipated from the considerable reduction in suspended particles of small diameter. Furnace industry policies have contributed to a deterioration in the efficiency of residential filtration. Complex distribution and marketing problems prevent widespread availability of medium efficiency filters at present.

Research Organization:

Karl H. Raab, Ph.D. 22, Place du Marechal Leclerc F - 59046 Lille Cedex France Tel: 33-20-072008

(formerly Vancouver, B.C.)

Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Peter Russell, Research Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Office, Montreal Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2306

Publication:

Raab, Karl, Ph.D., 1982. "Upgrading Residential Forced Air Filtration". For Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Research Report, May 1982, 34 pages. Inquire CMHC Housing Information, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Updating Health Standards for Residential Construction Strategies for Healthful Residential Environments

The first study was a short critique of the National Building Code, dealing predominantly with protection of indoor air quality.

The second study reviews the available techniques for air quality maintenance in residences. The methods are classified as source controls, cleaning and dilution control. Strategies are proposed for occupants of four typical housing/heating system combinations. They include technical approaches, elementary housekeeping practices and some low technology applications.

The researcher notes that a successful household strategy requires an understanding of pollutant sources, and understanding of elementary principles of pollution control, periodic review of changes in lifestyle factors which could alter generation rates, and awareness of improvements in available technologies.

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Publications:

Raab, Karl, Ph.D., 1982. "Updating Health Standards for Residential Construction". For Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Inquire Housing Information Centre, CMHC, Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Raab, Karl. Ph.D., (not yet published). "Strategies for Healthful Residential Environments". Inquire Housing Information Centre, CMHC, Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Design and Construction of Low-Energy and Low-Pollution Homes

Allen-Drerup-White Ltd. was responsible for both the design and construction of two special low-pollution residences for clients just west of Ottawa, Ontario. Each residence is designed for the lowest practical indoor air pollution levels, and takes into account the specific allergic sensitivities of the owners. One house was finished in the spring of 1984, while the other was substantially completed by fall 1984. The firm also explored the concept of a low-pollution housing co-operative, for persons desiring a clean indoor environment.

For over eight years, the principals of Allen-Drerup-White Ltd. specialized in the development of new, passive solar, low-energy building technologies. They are recognized for their work in superinsulation and solar design, airtight construction and heat recovery ventilation systems. Studies undertaken by the firm include an assessment of ventilation standards and their impact on energy conservation and air quality, for the Riverdale Co-op in Toronto.

They have also been involved in the design and prototyping of air-to-air heat exchangers for residential use, marketed by The Air Changer Company Ltd., an associated company.

Research Organization:

formerly Allen-Drerup-White Ltd. (Designers-Builders and Consultants, Energy Conservation and Solar Heating)

Greg Allen, P.Eng. 73 Woodville Ave. Toronto, Ontario M4K 2J5 (416)-421-4071

Publications:

Allen-Drerup-White Ltd. "Low Energy Houses: Residential Brochure". Brochure, 30 pages, English.

The Air Changer Company Limited. "The Air Changer Application Guide". Brochure, 12 pages (English), 16 pages (French).

Information and Support for Persons with Allergies, Including Indoor Inhalant Sensitivities

The Allergy Information Association is a nonprofit organization federally registered as a charitable organization. It provides information and support for persons inquiring about allergic problems, including common indoor inhalant allergies to dust, mould, animal dander, etc.

Information sheets are available on various subjects, and include discussion of the role of indoor inhalant and chemical contaminants in allergic disease.

Research Organization:

Allergy Information Association

Susan Daglish, President and Newsletter Editor Allergy Information Association Room 7, 25 Poynter Drive Weston, Ontario M9R 1K8 (416)-244-9312

Funding Organization:

The Association is a federally registered charitable organization. Funding is by memberships, donations, grants, publication sales and fund-raising activities.

Publication:

Allergy Information Association. "The Allergy Shot". Periodical, ISBN 0227-7387, English. Inquire AIA, Room 7, 25 Poynter Dr., Weston, Ont. M9R 1K8.

Indoor Air Quality Monitoring: Commercial/Industrial

Barringer Research Limited provides a measuring and monitoring service for indoor pollutants, and specializes in sampling particulates, using high volume samplers. Work to date has been commercial and industrial, but expertise and equipment could be applied to residential work as well.

Barringer has a fully equipped laboratory for inorganic and organic trace analyses, including instrumentation for gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. Technical capability includes laboratory expertise in environmental science and mineral exploration analyses.

Research Organization:

Barringer Research Limited

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Air Quality Research: Measurement and Literature Surveys

B.C. Research is a not-for-profit contract research organization which carries out applied research in a variety of areas, for government and industrial clients.

The atmospheric environment group has been involved in a number of indoor air quality research projects:

- o computer modelling of gas appliance venting and combustion air makeup in buildings (mainly residential), to address problems of carbon monoxide backup of heating appliances and determine the factors controlling it (involving literature search of existing models, selection of best features and creation of new model) (Gas Safety Branch, Ministry of Labour Canada); and
- o measurements and literature surveys, re air quality generally, and specific air pollutants and their sources in homes (Health and Welfare Canada, B.C. Government Ministries, Crown Corporations).
- B.C. Research has well-equipped laboratory facilities, including a broad range of conventional and state-of-the-art sampling and analytical capabilities.

Research Organization:

B. C. Research

Dr. John Leach / Gordon Esplin Division of Environment and Health B. C. Research 3650 Wesbrook Mall Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2L2 (604)-224-4331

Funding Organization:

Gas appliance venting: Ministry of Labour Canada, Gas Safety Branch Indoor air pollutant surveys: Health and Welfare Canada

Publications:

- B.C. Research, 1982. "A Study of Residential Combustion Air Requirements and Air Supplies". For Department of Labour, Gas Safety Branch. Inquire Labour Canada Publications, Ottawa K1A 0J2.
- B.C. Research. "Criteria Reviews of Indoor Air Quality: 1) Aldehydes, other than Formaldehyde; 2) Oxidants. For Monitoring and Criteria Division, Health and Welfare Canada, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa.

Indoor Carbon Dioxide Monitoring

During the period November 1981 to February 1982, the British Columbia Ministry of Environment studied carbon dioxide levels in the Ministry of Environment Building, 810 Blanshard St., Victoria.

Research Organization:

British Columbia Ministry of Environment

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Associate researcher: Dave Lockhart

Funding Organization:

Same as above

Publication:

In-house correspondence only. Not published.

Literature Review on Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology

CMHC undertook a literature review to remedy the lack of available information on indoor air quality, especially as it relates to Canadian building practices, habits and climates. The review concludes that many materials and conditions which contribute significantly to indoor air pollution are known to be present in Canadian homes. However, the number of Canadian homes in which air pollution levels present a major problem is presently unknown.

Details are presented as to the sources and possible health effects of various major pollutants, including carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, radon gas, formaldehyde, tobacco smoke, ozone, asbestos, dust and moulds, bacteria and viruses, and a host of organic chemical vapours, some of which are known or suspected carcinogens.

Research Organization:

Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited

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Funding Organization:

Planning Division, Policy Development and Research Sector Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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Scientific Authority: Judy Lorimer; Technical Adviser: Peter Russell

Publication:

Bruce M. Small, P.Eng., 1983. "Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology". Small and Associates, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Research report, Consultant report, 308 pages, ISBN ISBN 0-920509-00-2, August 1983. Available from Technology and Health Foundation, R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0.

Studies on Indoor Air Quality in Canadian Homes

Small and Associates is undertaking a comprehensive study program on indoor air quality in Canadian homes for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This work addresses gaps identified in earlier work (see Small and Associates, "Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology", August 1983). Four primary areas of study are:

- o the research base to identify Canada's research interests in the indoor air quality field, and recommend a means of making information more accessible to all interested persons;
- o vulnerable populations to understand the extent of the Canadian population adversely affected by hazardous contaminants in indoor air, and the nature of the range of vulnerability of the design population for Canadian residences.
- o the regulatory framework to understand the role of legislation, regulatory powers, and standards, in addressing indoor air pollution problems in Canadian housing;
- o the solutions to understand what building techniques, and other practical measures, can be incorporated into constructing, rehabilitating and operating Canadian homes, in order to achieve low pollution indoor environments.

Research Organization:

Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited

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Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Jim H. White, Research Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2309

Project Officer: J. Lorimer; Scientific Authority: J. White

Publication:

Bruce M. Small, P.Eng. 1985. "Indoor Air Quality in Canadian Homes: Research and Information Base". Small and Associates, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Inquire Canada Housing and Information Centre, CMHC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Documentary: The Twentieth Century Disease

One-hour filmed documentary on allergy and chemical susceptibility, initially aired March 1983 and re-aired February 28, 1984. The program includes discussions with medical authorities concerning the health effects of indoor pollutants such as urea formaldehyde foam insulation, and documents the use of chemically clean indoor environments as part of a therapeutic program for sensitized individuals.

Research Organization:

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Lawrence M. Gosnell, Producer Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Current Affairs Division Box 500, Station A Toronto, Ontario M5W 1E6 (416)-925-3311 ext. 2314

Funding Organization:

Same as above

Publication:

Lawrence M. Gosnell, 1983. "The Twentieth Century Disease". Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 3/4 inch Video-Cassette or film., one hour, March 1983. Inquire L. Gosnell, CBC, (416)-925-3311/ext 2314.

State-of-the-Art Review of Indoor Pollution Research

A considerable amount of research on indoor pollution is accompanying the increase in public awareness of problems in buildings (building syndrome, building sickness). The object of the project is to monitor the research findings, with a view to implementing the results (where practicable) in future building projects, as well as the existing building stock, where problems exist.

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services is also working on the introduction of air quality standards into electronic office design guidelines.

Research Organization:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services

Dr. Sam Mattar, Project Manager Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services Suite 1001, John J. Bowlen Bldg. 620 - 7th Ave. S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 0Y8 (403)-297-6367

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

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Inquiries Services for Occupational Health and Safety

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety provides an inquiry service regarding occupational health and safety questions. The scope of the centre's work is limited to indoor air in occupational settings only.

Research Organization:

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety 250 Main St. East Hamilton, Ontario L8N 1H6 Tel: (416)-523-2981; Telex: 061-8532

Funding Organization:

Government of Canada

Publications:

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, 1983. "Introducing CCOHS". Pamphlet, English and French, available from CCOHS, 250 Main St. E., Hamilton L8N 1H6.

Atherley, G.R.C., Goldman, N., and Moriarity, W., 1983. "A User-Oriented Service of Information and Advice in Occupational Health and Safety: The Experience of the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety". Numbers A83-5E (English) and A83-5F (French). Available from CCOHS, 250 Main St. E., Hamilton L8N 1H6.

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Marha, Karel, 1983. "VLF - Very Low Frequency Fields Near VDTs And an Example of Their Removal". Numbers P83-5E (English) and P83-5F (French). Available from CCOHS, 250 Main St. E., Hamilton L8N 1H6.

Filtering Equipment for Fine Particulates and Gaseous Pollutants

Development and testing of filtering equipment, using chemisorbant and Multi-Mix (R) filtration media, for adsorption, absorption, neutralization, complexation, and oxidation of gaseous pollutants.

Research Organization:

Circul-Aire Inc.

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Funding Organization:

Same as above.

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Publications:

Pant, B.C., 1983. "Filtering Equipment: Gaseous Pollutants". ASHRAE Research and Technical Committee Seminar on Indoor Air Quality, April 4, 1983, Toronto. Reprints available from Circul-Aire Inc., 5885 Henri-Bourassa, Montreal H4R 1B7.

Pant, B.C., 1982. "Formaldehyde in the Indoor Environment: Sources, Health Effects and Control". ASHRAE Seminar, June 27, 1982. Reprints available from Circul-Aire Inc., 5885 Henri-Bourassa, Montréal H4R 1B7

Indoor Air Quality Sampling and Analysis

Clayton Environmental Consultants has capability and experience in both outdoor and indoor air quality sampling and analysis, including asbestos sampling, occupational hygiene samples, and various NIOSH tests.

Clayton's laboratories are equipped for atomic absorption, gas chromatography and spectrophotometry. Accreditation, by the American Industrial Hygiene Assocation, was approved in January 1984. The firm is associated with Clayton Environmental Consultants in the United States and, through them, has access to two additional accredited laboratories, with similar equipment, as well as facilities for gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/Mass Spec).

Experience in indoor air quality analysis includes formaldehyde measurement in residential situations and analysis of various 'odour complaint' or 'building illness' situations.

Research Organization:

Clayton Environmental Consultants

Douglas S. Smith, Vice-President and General Manager Clayton Environmental Consultants 400 Huron Church Rd. Windsor, Ontario N9C 2J9 (519)-255-9797

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Federal Building Energy Conservation R&D Plan

A planning document, looking at trends, problems, and opportunities in energy use in buildings, for the Federal Building Energy Conservation Sector (BECS) Committee. The paper sets forth a set of research and development needs, and a method for evaluating and ranking research and development proposals. Building energy conservation research programs were divided into six sub-categories, one of which is Indoor Air Quality.

Research Organization:

Energy Mines and Resources Canada National Research Council of Canada

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Funding Organization:

Energy Mines and Resources Canada

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Publication:

Report for federal building energy conservation research planning purposes.

Evaluation of Radon and Air Quality Control Techniques

Project was to test methods of soil gas exclusion from houses, and the effectiveness and energy cost of various ventilation techniques, in four houses at Elliot Lake. Measurements were made of formaldehyde, organic vapours, humidity, odours, radon and energy consumption, before and during occupancy. The variation of ventilation rate, with control methods, was measured. Satisfactory control of humidity, odours and radon was achieved, at low forced ventilation rates, via a fresh air intake on the forced air ventilation system.

Research Organization:

DSMA ATCON LTD.* (with Acres Consulting Services Ltd.)

*this company no longer exists; contact researcher directly at the address below:

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Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ontario Ministry of Energy

Publication:

DSMA ATCON, 1983. "Evaluation and Air Quality Control Techniques - Phase III of Collaborative Design Project, Elliot Lake Houses". DSMA Report No. 1283/1292.

Development of Alternative Electronic Air Filters

Research and development has been underway to produce alternative, less-expensive methods of electronic air filtration, that will not generate ozone. Home units have been placed on the market; patents applied for in Canada, U.S. and overseas.

Research Organization:

Engineering Dynamics Ltd.

C. J. Joannou / Wm. Pick Engineering Dynamics Ltd. Highway 29 Carleton Place, Ontario K7C 3P1 (613)-257-5450

Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Engineering Dynamics Ltd., 1983. "Information on Dynamic Electronic Air Filter". Fact sheet, 7 pages, available from Eng. Dynamics, Hwy. 29, Carleton Place K7C 3P1.

Indoor Air Monitoring for Asbestos

Hardy Associates has extensive experience in the monitoring of indoor air for asbestos particles, including measurements during asbestos removal operations. Work has been primarily commercial and government buildings, industrial workshops, schools, and various industries, but has also included some residential measurements.

The company has also performed formaldehyde sampling in homes, as well as testing for nuisance dusts (wood, metal, etc.) in Industrial Arts Laboratories in schools.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Information and Support for Persons Susceptible to Indoor Pollutants

The Human Ecology Foundation of Canada is a patient support group designed to provide information and practical assistance to persons with environmentally-related illness, for example, those who are made ill by exposure to various indoor air contaminants.

A quarterly newsletter and various information sheets are available.

The Foundation has branches in Toronto, Ottawa, Kitchener and Hamilton.

Research Organization:

The Human Ecology Foundation of Canada

National Office: The Human Ecology Foundation of Canada 465 Highway 8 Dundas, Ontario L9H 4V9

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(416)-438-9202

Funding Organization:

The Foundation is a federally registered charitable organization. Funding is by memberships and donations.

Publication:

The Human Ecology Foundation of Canada, 1978 to present. "Human Ecology Foundation (Canada) Quarterly". Quarterly publication, inquire H.E.F. Canada, 465 Hwy 8, Dundas, Ontario L9H 4V9.

- 1. Air Infiltration Monitoring
- 2. Radiation Monitoring
- 3. Smoke Movement Studies

MacLaren Engineers have considerable experience in air infiltration monitoring, using sulphur hexaflouride tracer gas techniques.

One study, undertaken for the National Research Council of Canada, involved measuring the infiltration rate in 12 electrically heated houses over one full heating season, using a tracer gas technique. This method is considered to give a more accurate reading of infiltration, than alternative fan-door depressurization techiques, and allows monitoring under varying temperature, humidity and wind conditions.

MacLaren Engineers have also been involved in radiation monitoring in residential and commercial buildings in Port Hope and Bancroft, Ontario, for the Atomic Energy Control Board and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

A recent study, for the National Research Council of Canada used tracer gas techniques to determine the potential pathways, and relative concentrations of smoke, in a building fire. Measurements were done on the 15-storey Delta Meadowvale Inn in Mississauga, Ontario.

Research Organization:

MacLaren Engineers, Planners and Scientists

George A. Aldworth / Paul J. Manley MacLaren Engineers, Planners and Scientists 33 Yonge St. Toronto, Ontario M5E 1E7 (416)-365-7337

Funding Organization:

Tracer gas studies: National Research Council of Canada

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National Research Council of Canada
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6
(613)-993-1231

Publication:

Tamura, G.T., and Manley. P.J., 1984. "Smoke Movement Studies in a 15-Storey Hotel". Inquire DBR Publications, NRC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

Program for Monitoring Indoor Air Quality in Homes

Manitoba Environment has a program in which citizens may request monitoring of suspected indoor air quality problems in their homes. The Air Pollution Section of the Department has carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide monitors, ozone and formaldehyde monitors, and Draeger multi-gas detectors.

Typical situations encountered involve ventilation problems, or furnace problems, which are often interconnected. A staff of two handles the investigations and also monitors complaints of noise problems. Ongoing investigations number between 30 and 50 per year.

Previous testing of houses, insulated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, involved approximately 2500 homes. No reports were compiled on the UFFI program, other than individual house measurement statements, which are treated as confidential.

Research Organization:

Manitoba Department of Environment

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Funding Organization:

Same as above

Publication:

Measurements on individual homes are confidential.

Effect of Indoor Environmental Factors on Human Platelets, as Seen by Transmission Electron Microscopy

Dr. Jon Gerrard, of the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, is planning a study on the effect of positive and negative ion environments on human platelets, to determine whether cellular function is affected by ion concentration in the indoor environment.

Previously Dr. Gerrard has monitored developments in research, relating to the effects of cigarette smoke on human platelets.

Research Organization:

Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology

Dr. Jon Gerrard Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology Cell Biology Research Institute 700 Bannatyne Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0V9 (204)-787-2112

Funding Organization:

Ion study: to be determined.

Publications:

Inquire Cell Biology Inst., 700 Bannatyne, Winnipeg R3E 0V9

The Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation (UFFI) Home Testing Program of the Ministry of Health of Ontario

The program consisted of the testing of homes, on request, for the presence of formaldehyde gas, subsequent to the use of UFFI as an insulating material in the home.

Study period: June 1981 to January 1982

Research Organization:

Health Programs Division, Ontario Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ontario Ministry of Labour and 43 public health units

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Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Health, Public Health Branch

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Publication:

Ontario Ministry of Health, Health Programs Division, April 1982. "The Results of the UFFI Home Testing Program of the Ministry of Health of Ontario." Inquire Min. of Health, 15 Overlea Blvd., Toronto M4H 1A9.

Indoor Air Pollution: Experience of the Public Health Branch, Ontario Ministry of Health

Indoor air quality is of increasing concern to the Ministry of Health. The local health unit must often assume responsibility for buildings that are not covered by occupational health or environmental legislation. This project will identify the demands made on public health inspectors and the resources needed to handle the problem.

Study period: January to April 1985.

Research Organization:

Disease Control and Epidemiology Service, Public Health Branch Ontario Ministry of Health

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Funding Organization:

Ministry of Health and the University of Toronto, as the project is in partial fulfillment of an M.Eng. degree in Occupational Health and Safety

Dr. Jim Smith Chemical Engineering Department University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1 (416)-978-4467

Publication:

Ministry of Health, ongoing. "The Ontario Disease Surveillance Report" (Weekly Public Health Bulletin). Inquire Min. of Health, 15 Overlea Blvd., Toronto M4H 1A9.

Environmental Factors in Chronic Lung Disease

A study to determine environmental factors responsible for the development of chronic lung disease. The research involves a comparison between adolescents who start to smoke and those who don't. The purpose of this work is to identify potentially avoidable factors.

Study period: July 1982 to March 1987.

Research Organization:

McMaster University

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Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Health, Public Health Grant Program Health and Welfare Canada, National Health Research & Development Program

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Publication:

Not yet published.

Health Effects of Particulates and SO2 Level in Air Pollution

This study is intended to determine the relationship between community exposure to air pollution, consisting of particulates and sulphur dioxide, and changes in human respiratory health and development. Indoor exposure to particulates, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide will also be monitored.

Study period: July 1978 to June 1982.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Health, Public Health Grant Program Health and Welfare Canada, National Health Research & Development Program Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Air Resources Branch

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Dr. Denis Corr, Supervisor, Atmospheric Contaminants Air Resources Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment 880 Bay St., 4th floor, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1Z8 (416)-965-4081

Publication:

"The Hamilton Study: The Role of Environmental Factors in the Respiratory Health of School Children". New England Journal of Medicine. For complete list enquire Dept. of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University, 1200 Main St. W., Hamilton Ontario L8N 3Z5.

Self-help Group to Aid Persons with Environmental Allergy

Plainair Environmental Allergy Society is a self-help group formed to help persons who suffer from environmental allergies, mild or severe.

The organization provides information about the management of environmental allergies, with particular reference to studying the environment's effects on all bodily functions. Literature includes consideration of physiological reactions caused by exposure to foods, moulds, other inhalants, and chemicals. These incitants may be found in clothes, foods, cosmetics, home-care products, building materials, business machines, pesticides, and elsewhere.

The society provides members with a regular newsletter, which provides information on sources of chemically-pure foods, home-care products, and other products 'that make life possible for those with environmental allergies'.

The society also encourages research in the field of environmental illnesses, and supports other groups that promote a cleaner, more habitable environment.

Research Organization:

Plainair Environmental Allergy Society

Geri Szczesiak, President Plainair Environmental Allergy Society P.O. Box 46633, Stn. "G" 3760 West 10th Avenue Vancouver, British Columbia V6R 4K8

Funding Organization:

Funded by memberships, newsletter advertising, fund-raising activities and donations

Publication:

Plainair Environmental Allergy Society, ongoing. "Plainair Waves". Periodical, approximately quarterly; inquire PEAS, Box 46633, Stn. G, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 4K8.

Studies in Air Quality Analysis and Building Evaluation Techniques

The Division of Architecture and Building Sciences, of Public Works Canada, has been undertaking a number of activities in the following general areas, related to government buildings:

- o field measurement technology;
- o quantifying chemicals present in buildings;
- o diagnosing pollution migration in buildings; and
- o response of occupants.

Research Organization:

Public Works Canada

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Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Office Environment Assessment

"A team of interdisciplinary professionals, who improve employee and employer productivity, by an innovative total approach to human efficiency, comfort, health and safety."

Factors assessed include indoor air quality, ergonomics, lighting, employer-employee relations, and others.

Research Organization:

Synectia Consultants Division, Synectia Productions, Inc.

Dr. Howard Eisenberg Synectia Consultants Inc. 86 Avenue Rd. M5R 2H2 (416)-967-6562

Funding Organization

Client funded studies.

Publications:

Synectia Consultants Inc. (Brochure). Inquire Synectia, 86 Avenue Rd., Toronto M5R 2H2.

Eisenberg, Howard, 1982. "Productivity Based on Attention to Worker's Needs". Tomorrow's Office, Sept. 1982, pp. 19,20. For reprints inquire Synectia, 86 Avenue Rd., Toronto M5R 2H2.

Eisenberg, Howard, 1982. "Redesigning the Physical Work Environment to Reduce Stress", The Canadian Podium, January 1982. For reprints inquire Synectia, 86 Avenue Rd., Toronto M5R 2H2.

Education and Rehabilitation of Persons Sensitized to Indoor Air Pollutants

Sunnyhill Research Centre is a 560 m² (6000 sq. ft.) experimental research building, just northeast of Toronto, Ontario, and is designed for the least possible indoor air pollution levels.

It will be used for providing seminars, counselling, and other educational programs, in combination with a therapeutic period in a low-chemical environment. The programs are specifically for persons diagnosed as suffering from widespread chemical susceptibility, specific sensitivity to indoor contaminants, or general 'building illness syndrome'.

Education and rehabilitation programs will be offered, on both a live-in and drop-in basis, to assist persons in adjusting their lifestyles, where necessary, to avoid undesirable chemical overexposures, and to regain some adaptability to environmental exposures that presently trigger or aggravate illness.

The facilities will also be used for various experimental studies, relating to indoor air quality and the effects of exposure to building contaminants on health.

Research Organization:

Sunnyhill Research Centre (A Division of Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited)

Bruce M. Small and Barbara J. Small, Co-directors Sunnyhill Research Centre R.R. #1 Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0 (416)-294-3531

Funding Organization:

The Centre is privately owned and funded. Research programs will be undertaken under the auspices of Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited and Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health.

Publication:

Bruce and Barbara Small, 1980. "Sunnyhill - The Health Story of the 80's". Small and Associates Publishers, R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ont LOC 1A0.

Bruce M. Small, P.Eng., 1983. "Low Pollution Design and Construction" (Part 2 of "Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology"). Small and Associates, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, funded under Part V of the National Housing Act, August 1983. Available from Technology and Health Foundation, R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0.

Indoor Air Quality Databank

The Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health is a nonprofit charitable research organization incorporated to provide public information on the relationship between technology and health (both positive and negative).

The Foundation is presently concentrating on the following areas:

- o indoor air pollution from building products and practices; and
- o treatment and rehabilitation of persons adversely affected by environmental exposures.

Major information activities of the Foundation (related to the above topics) include:

- o preparation of a library of relevant information; and
- o creation of a computer-based databank, listing information and materials available.

Individuals and organizations may be placed on a mailing list for ongoing announcements of materials available from the Foundation.

Research Organization:

Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health

Bruce M. Small, P.Eng. Executive Director Technology and Health Foundation R.R.#1 Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0 (416)-294-3531

Funding Organization:

Federally registered charitable organization. Funded by contracts, grants, donations, and publication sales.

Publication:

Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health, March 23, 1983. "Statement of Activities and Programs". Inquire Technology & Health Fdn., Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0.

Bruce M. Small, P.Eng., 1983. "Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology. Small and Associates, for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, funded under Part V of the National Housing Act, August 1983. Consultant report, 308 pages. Original printing CMHC Cat. No. NH17-23/1983E//ISBN 0-660-11415-1; now ISBN 0-920509-00-2 (Technology & Health Fdn.). Available from Technology and Health Foundation, R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0.

1. Indoor Air Quality Investigations

2. Building Performance Database

Theodor D. Sterling Limited is an interdisciplinary research and consulting firm primarily involved in activities overlapping energy, environment, building science, computer systems, health and ergonomics. Expertise, specifically related to indoor air quality, includes indoor air quality investigations, standards evaluations, and building design and retrofit, for energy and environment optimization.

The firm has recently completed a Building Performance Database System (BPD). This computerized database currently is comprised of 170 performance studies of office, commercial and institutional buildings, located in Canada, Japan, the United States, and Western Europe, and catalogs results of epidemiological, hygiene, architectural, engineering and energy investigations. An archive of over 2000 residential buildings is also being collected, and eventually will be added. BPD is user interactive and will be made accessible via the Canadian telecommunications network, Datanet. For further details, manuals, and access instructions, readers are invited to contact TDS Limited at the address following.

Recent or ongoing projects include:

- 1) Preparation of criteria documents for Health and Welfare Canada, on carbon dioxide and water vapour, in order to evaluate the potential health effects of exposure to these substances in indoor air, as well as their influence on other potentially harmful chemical and microbiological contaminants of indoor air.
- 2) Development of performance criteria for energy and environment retrofits of modern buildings.
- 3) A health and comfort survey study of 1100 clerical workers, in 20 office buildings, to determine indoor air quality, building design, lifestyle and occupation factors, related to reported health and comfort problems in the modern office environment.
- 4) Survey, by questionnaire, of building environment conditions, perceived by office occupants of three provincial government buildings, in Victoria, British Columbia, for the British Columbia Buildings Corporation.
- 5) Measurement and evaluation of HVAC system performance and indoor air quality, as a basis for mechanical system improvements for the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Ottawa, Ontario.
- 6) Design, construction and monitoring of two attached townhouse units, incorporating innovative design features, equipment and materials, to control indoor air pollution associated with energy conserving residences.

- 7) Measurement of indoor air pollutants and occupant health and comfort in the Walsall City Hall, in collaboration with the University of Aston, Birmingham, England.
- 8) Measurement of contaminants off-gassed from furnishing, finishing and construction materials, under varying conditions of temperature and radiation typical in modern buildings, for Pacific Bell (in collaboration with the University of California at Berkeley).
- 9) Review of "Thermal Environment Guidelines and Outdoor Air Requirements for Occupied Spaces", proposed by the Real Estate Architects Staff Group of Bell Canada, for the Health and Safety Department.
- 10) Measurement of exposure, to combustion generated contaminants, of apartment tenants using the gas range for supplementary heating (in collaboration with Columbia University School of Public Health).
- 11) Measurement study of indoor/outdoor relationship, of viable particulates, in buildings serviced by window mounted airconditioning units.
- 12) Carbon monoxide and ventilation measurements inside residences in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 13) Review of indoor levels of combustion generated contaminants, for the U.S. National Academy of Science, National Research Council.
- 14) Experimental study of the effects of varying ventilation and lighting, on symptoms of Tight Building Syndrome, among office workers in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies.

Recent Publications:

Sterling, T.D., 1984. "Effects of Restricting and Prohibiting Smoking in Office Environments on Reactions of Office Personnel to Environmental Health and Stress Factors". Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.. Published in "Indoor Air, Volume 2: Radon, Passive

Smoking, Particulates and Housing Epidemiology", pp. 329-334, published by the Swedish Council for Building Research, Stockholm, Sweden, 1984. Presented at Indoor '84: The 3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, August 20-24, 1984, Stockholm, Sweden.

McIntyre, E.D., Sterling, E., and Sterling, T.D., 1984. "Architechnology: An Architectural-Technological Integration for Improved Environmental Quality in Buildings". TDS Limited, Vancouver, and Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. Published in Indoor Air, Volume 5: Buildings, Ventilation and Thermal Climate, pp. 145-152, published by the Swedish Council for Building Research, Stockholm, Sweden, 1984. Presented at Indoor '84: The 3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, August 20-24, 1984, Stockholm, Sweden.

Sterling, E., and Sterling, D. A., 1984. "Air Quality in Hospitals and Health Care Facilities". TDS Limited, Vancouver, and University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas, USA. Published in Indoor Air, Volume 5: Buildings, Ventilation and Thermal Climate, pp. 209-214, published by the Swedish Council for Building Research, Stockholm, Sweden, 1984. Presented at Indoor '84: The 3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, August 20-24, 1984, Stockholm, Sweden.

Sterling, E., Sterling, T., and McIntyre, D., 1983. "New Health Hazards in Sealed Buildings". TDS Limited. American Institute of Architects Journal, April 1983.

Sterling, T., Sterling, E., and Dimich-Ward, H., 1983. "Building Illness in the White Collar Workplace". Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Simon Fraser University, and TDS Limited, Vancouver, B.C. International Journal of Health Services 13, No. 2, 1983, pp. 277-287.

Sterling, T., and Sterling, E., 1982. "The Epidemiology of Building Illness". Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Simon Fraser University, and TDS Limited, Vancouver, B.C. Presented at the Second International Symposium "Epidemiology in Occupational Health", Montreal, August 23-25, 1982. Reprints available from TDS Limited, #70 - 1507 W. 12th St., Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2E2

Sterling, T.D. et al, 1982. "Indoor Byproduct Levels of Tobacco Smoke: A Critical Review of the Literature". TDS Limited. Air Pollution Control Association Journal 32, March 1982, pp. 20-29.

Sterling, T.D. et al, 1979. "Carbon Monoxide Levels in Kitchens and Homes with Gas Cookers". TDS Limited. Air Pollution Control Association Journal 29, 1979, p. 238.

A full bibliography will be supplied, on request to TDS Limited, at the address given above.

Air Quality in Animal Housing

Dr. Brian McQuitty is presently engaged in research on indoor air quality problems in livestock buildings. The concern behind this research is based on both animal health and human occupational health. Combinations of various gases, arising from animal manures with dust in livestock buildings, appear to produce long-term adverse effects on the respiratory system of livestock operators.

Research is underway to measure background levels of selected contaminants (e.g. ammonia, hydrogen sulfide) and to determine means of measuring some of these substances, in commercial livestock operations. Flow rate measurements are being done, in order to examine the rate of production of ammonia, under different livestock management situations.

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Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publications:

Nordstrom, G. A., and McQuitty, J. B., 1976. "Manure Gases in the Animal Environment: A Literature Review (With Particular Reference to Cattle Housing)". Research Bulletin 76-1. Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton Alta. T6G 2E1.

Honey, H.F., and McQuitty, J. B., 1976. "Dust in the Animal Environment". Research Bulletin 76-2. Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton Alta. T6G 2E1.

Feddes, J.J.R., and McQuitty, J. B., 1983. "Heat and Moisture Loads and Air Quality in Commercial Poultry Laying Houses in Alberta". Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta, for Engineering and Statistical Research Institute, Agriculture Canada. Research Bulletin 83-1, ERDAF Program Contract File No. OSU81-00304. Available from Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI), Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0S2.

Brannigan, P.G., and McQuitty, J.B., 1972. "Concentration-Temperature Relationships of Atmospheric Gaseous Contaminants". Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta. Canadian Agricultural Engineering, Vol 14, No. 1, June 1972, pp. 37-41.

Brannigan, P.G., and McQuitty, J.B., 1971. "The Influence of Ventilation on Distribution and Dispersal of Atmospheric Gaseous Contaminants". Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta. Canadian Agricultural Engineering, Vol 13, No. 2, Dec. 1971, pp. 69-75.

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Leonard, J.J., Feddes, J.J.R., and McQuitty, J.B., 1983. "Air Quality in Commercial Broiler Housing". Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta. Paper 83-417, presented at the 1983 Annual AIC Conference of the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering, July 10-13, 1983, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. Available from Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering, c/o U. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E1

Feddes, J.J.R., and McQuitty, J.B., 1981. "Environmental Monitoring in Animal Housing". Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta. Paper PNW 81-403, presented at the 1981 Joint Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineering and the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering, Sept. 2-4, 1981, Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta. Available from Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering, c/o U. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E1.

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Exploratory Examination of Hypersensitive Individuals

Exploratory interviews and histories were taken of three hypersensitive individuals, chosen from a population of 50-100 individuals identified as meeting the following criteria:

- o unable to tolerate a normal habitat without illness; and
- o have major gastrointestinal problems.

This preliminary investigation was undertaken to determine what characteristics may be common among persons with hypersensitivity to environmental factors (foods, particulate inhalants, odours), and to provide a basis for a more comprehensive and detailed description, or definition, of the hypersensitivity phenomenon.

Subsequent stages, which are planned, include development of an epidemiological protocol for the full test population, again in search of a meaningful identification of common characteristics.

Research Organization:

University of Toronto

Heather MacLean (researcher) Dept. of Nutritional Sciences Faculty of Medicine University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1 (416)-978-2134

Dr. Gordon Nikiforuk (coordinator)
Faculty of Dentistry
University of Toronto
124 Edward St.
Toronto, Ontario
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(416)-978-4414

Funding Organization:

Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto (initial phase)

Harvey Anderson, Chairman Dept. of Nutritional Sciences University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1 (416)-978-2422

Publication:

Not yet published.

Ventilation Systems Design, Optimization and Control

Dr. Gordon Bragg, of the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Waterloo has been involved extensively in industrial ventilation questions and, more recently, in matters of residential indoor air quality.

Particular expertise is in the area of ventilation systems design, optimization and control, and industrial air measurement. Recent work has concentrated on asbestos fibers, for the Royal Commission on Matters of Health and Safety Arising from the Use of Asbestos in Ontario.

Research Organization:

University of Waterloo

Prof. Gordon Bragg Department of Mechanical Engineering University of Waterloo Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3GA (519)-885-1211 ext 3336

Funding Organizations:

Building Engineering Group
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (Canada) (NSERC)
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Ontario Ministry of Labour
Royal Commission on Matters of Health and Safety Arising from the
Use of Asbestos in Ontario
Asbestos Information Association of North America

Publication:

Bragg, G., 1982. "Technical Feasibility and Cost of Controlling Workplace Exposure to Asbestos Fibers". For Royal Commission on Matters of Health and Safety Arising from the Use of Asbestos in Ontario. April 1982, ISBN 0-7743-7311-3. Available from Ontario Govt. Bookstore, 880 Bay St., Toronto M7A 1N8.

Bragg, G., 1982. "Ventilation, Air Distribution and Air Quality". Buildings Energy Technology Transfer Program, Report #82-12. Inquire Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, U. of Waterloo, Waterloo N2L 3G1.

Indoor Air Quality Sampling, Monitoring and Modelling

The Air Quality Group of the Industrial Research Institute, University of Windsor, has capability and experience in indoor air quality sampling, monitoring, and modelling for both gaseous and particulate pollutants.

Equipment used by the Institute includes personal samplers and related continuous monitors.

Research Organization:

Industrial Research Institute - University of Windsor

Dr. A. W. Gnyp Air Quality Group Industrial Research Institute University of Windsor Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4 (519)-253-4232, ext 2507

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

1. Comprehensive Planning, Programming and Evaluation of Interior Environments

2. Environmental Literature Collection

IUS - Institute for User Studies has capabilities in the area of user requirements and functional programming, i.e. determining and specifying user needs for buildings and other urban facilities, planning and managing the facilities, and evaluating existing environments.

The IUS offices contain one of North America's largest catalogued collections of environmental literature, covering a broad range of topics related to indoor environment. Francoise Szigeti was responsible for the preparation of a selected bibliography of the knowledge base relevant to environmental design research, under contract to the National Research Council of Canada.

Gerald Davis is also chairman of ASTM Subcommittee E6.25 on Overall Performance of Buildings. The subcommittee will recommend procedures and guidelines for assessing overall building performance, referencing indoor air quality as one of numerous factors.

Research Organization:

IUS - Institute for User Studies

IUS - Institute for User Studies
c/o TEAG - Environmental Analysis Group, Ltd.
P.O. Box 1088, Station "B"
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 5R1

for further information contact:

Gerald Davis, Principal, or Francoise Szigeti, Manager, IUS c/o Harbinger Group 17 North Avenue Norwalk, CT USA 06851 (203)-849-5040

Publications:

Szigeti, F., TEAG - The Environmental Analysis Group, Ltd., 1983. "Selected Bibliography of the Knowledge Base Relevant to Environmental Design Research". For National Research Council of Canada. Enquire from TEAG at either address above.

Davis, Gerald, and Szigeti, Francoise, June 1983. "Development of a Functional Program for Overall Building Performance". TEAG - Environmental Analysis Group. Conference on People and Physical Environment Research, Wellington, New Zealand, June 1983. Enquire from TEAG at either address above.

- 1. Sampling and Analysis of Formaldehyde in UFFI Homes
- 2. Evaluation of Air Cleaning Devices With Respect to Formaldehyde

Technitrol Canada has been responsible for sampling and analysis of indoor air for the presence of formaldehyde, in Quebec homes that have been insulated with Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation. Their testing program included over 3000 homes in Quebec, in 1983.

Technitrol also carried out evaluation of air cleaning devices, to determine the relative efficiencies of portable air cleaning devices and furnace filters, for the removal of formaldehyde.

Research Organization:

Technitrol Canada Limited

Dr. Harry Baikowitz Technitrol Canada Limited 121 Hymus Blvd. Pointe Claire, Quebec H9R 1E6

Funding Organization:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

UFFI Assistance Program
Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada
Place du Portage, Tower 1
50 Victoria Street
Hull, Quebec
K1A 0C9
(613)-994-0921 or 1-800-567-6870

Publication:

Inquire UFFI Co-ordination Centre, Ottawa K1A 0C9

- 1. UFFI Research Program
- 2. UFFI Centre / Centre sur la MIUF
- 3. Federal Assistance Program for UFFI Homeowners

The Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation Centre (UFFI Centre) carries out the federal government's assistance program dealing with UFFI, which provides the following services:

- co-ordination of UFFI related research (see list in following pages)
- . advice and assistance, of a technical nature, to homeowners who are encountering problems because they have insulated their dwellings with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation
- . training to, and control over, contractors engaged in UFFI corrective measures
- reimbursement to registered homeowners, for expenses incurred in the course of implementing corrective measures, including removal, up to a maximum \$5000 per dwelling. (This latter program expires September 30, 1986).

Research Funding Organizations:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada Health and Welfare Canada National Research Council of Canada

UFFI Centre/Centre sur la MIUF Place du Centre Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 1-(800)-567-6870

Research Organizations:

(see list of current and completed research projects in pages following)

Publications

A three page English or French list of publications is available from the UFFI Centre, Place du Centre, Hull, Québec K1A 0C9, 1-800-567-6870.

Current Research Projects* - UFFI Research Program

*(Readers will find more complete descriptions of each project by looking up the researcher name or company in the indexes at the end of this volume)

Adverse health effects for UFFI and non-UFFI homes (Albert J. Nantel)

Comparison of UFFI and non-UFFI residents before and after remedial measures

(I. Broder, University of Toronto)

Epidemiological protocol for investigating health effects of UFFI home occupants (other non-NHRDP contracts)

Mutagenicity of particulates from indoor air (Geortec)

Pulmonary response of asthmatics from UFFI and non-UFFI homes (J. Day)

Immunological studies of asthmatics from UFFI and non-UFFI homes (H. Pross)

Health records of school children in UFFI homes (G. R. Norman)

Procedures used in formaldehyde survey (Beak Analytical Services)

Seasonal effects on formaldehyde emission from UFFI (U. of Western Ontario)

Development and refinement of a gas source/exposure chamber (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Continuous monitoring to evaluate seasonal effects on particulate emission from UFFI (University of Western Ontario)

Evaluation of multidosimeter studies in large buildings (IEC Beak Consultants)

Laboratory analysis of 2000 dosimeters (IEC Beak)

Computerized statistical analysis of dosimeter data (IEC Beak)

Evaluation of detector tubes in a calibrated chamber (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Evaluation of formaldehyde assay kit (IEC Beak)

Monitoring effectiveness of sealing techniques (Ontario Research Foundation)

Evaluating effectiveness of pressurizing (Ontario Research Foundation)

Evaluating effectiveness of air-to-air heat exchangers as a remedial measure (Ontario Research Foundation)

Evaluating effectiveness of wet or dry air scrubbers (Ontario Research Foundation)

Techniques for breaking up in situ UFFI (Ontario Research Foundation)

Efficiency of chemical agents at neutralizing UFFI residues (Ontario Research Foundation)

Investigation of efficiency of various remedial measures (Lakehead University)

UFFI-contaminated masonry products treatment study (Sodexen Inc.)

Masonry supplement to UFFI Centre's contractor manual (Associated Kellogg Limited) Draft chapter on neutralizing UFFI residues on masonry (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Heat recovery and energy conservation for UFFI remedial measures (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Modifications to residential heating and ventilation equipment to ensure a supply of fresh air (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Chemisorbants and particle filters (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Pressurization and ventilation remedial measures (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Disposal of removed uffi (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Safety measures during UFFI remedial work (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Development of a water spray scrubber (Saskatchewan Research Council)

Evaluation of air cleaning devices with respect to formaldehyde (Technitrol)

Administration of the Laboratory Registration Program (Beak Analytical)

Completed Research Projects* - UFFI Research Program

*(Readers will find more complete descriptions of each project by looking up the researcher name or company in the indexes at the end of this volume)

Health examination of UFFI residents in Toronto (James H. Day)

Evaluation and comparison of pulmonary response of UFFI and non-UFFI asthmatics, to UFFI off-gases (Queen's University)

Investigation into inquiries about research on chemical susceptibility and UFFI (Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited)

Reaction of ammonia gas with UFFI (University of Manitoba)

Handbook on sensitizing effects of UFFI (Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited)

Investigation of techniques for UFFI dust sampling (University of Waterloo)

Survey of Weitz residence for formaldehyde, sulphur dioxide and UFFI particulate (Scanada Consultants)

Modelling and quantification of source and sink strength of contaminants (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Study and identification of possible toxic gases evolved from UFFI (University of Manitoba)

Tests of the biological activity of different UFFI's on nematodes (Industrial Technology Centre)

Determination of the toxicity of chemical fractions collected from UFFI, using nematode indicator tests (University of Manitoba)

Procedures for sampling and analysis of soluble and insoluble gases and particulates from UFFI materials (Enchem Development Limited)

Workshop on the toxicology of UFFI (FDC Consultants Inc.)

Workshop on biological indicators for toxic effects of UFFI (FDC Consultants Inc.)

Field studies of formaldeyde in homes - data collection (Ontario Research Foundation)

Feasibility study on the measurement of formaldehyde in living spaces (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Formaldehyde levels in wall cavities and room air (Geortec Limited)

Analysis of formaldehyde dosimeters (IEC Beak Consultants Limited)

Accuracy of formaldehyde dosimeters (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Development and evaluation of passive and active samplers (Oakridge National Laboratory)

Research and development of formaldehyde monitoring (Concord Scientific Corporation)

580nm wavelength absorption of sodium bisulphite solution (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Efficiency of formaldehyde gas collection impingers (Envirocon)

Determining formaldehyde concentration in air using chromatography (Western Research)

Formaldehyde sources, release characteristics, and response to chemical treatment (Dr. C. Van Netten)

Evaluation of formaldehyde assay kit (Kemic Bioresearch Lab. Ltd.)

Investigation into the DACO formaldehyde test kit (Kemic Bioresearch Lab Ltd.)

Novel wall cavity formaldehyde dosimeters (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Electro-optical formaldehyde monitor (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Validation of state-of-the-art technology in UFFI studies (IEC Beak Consultants)

Feasibility of commercializing a novel formaldehyde dosimeter (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Testing of formaldehyde and evaluation of dosimeters (Technitrol, Geortec, NTL, Levelton)

Analysis of exposed dosimeters in 200 home dosimeter survey (Concord Scientific Corporation)

Assessment of Kemic Assay Kits for home use (Sodexen Inc.)

Continuous monitoring of formaldehyde in wall cavities (Geortec Ltd.)

Work for multi-dosimeter survey (FTS Contractors)

Chamber study of Draeger formaldehyde detector tubes (Concord Scientific Corp.)

Examination of UFFI conditions and circumstances (Scanada Consultants Ltd.)

Preparation of remedial advice guides for homeowners and contractors (Scanada Consultants Ltd.)

Investigation of circumstances in specific UFFI houses (Clerk Window & Wall Technical Services Ltd.)

Structural effects of UFFI in buildings (Ontario Research Foundation)

Chemical treatment following UFFI removal (Sodexen Inc.)

Effectiveness of sealings and pressurization in UFFI houses (UNIES Limited)

Literature concerning removal of UFFI from masonry structures (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Assessment of homeowner remedial measures for masonry houses (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Electric wiring and outlets affected by UFFI (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Removal document for homeowners and contractors (Charles K. Long)

Updating Building Practice Note 23 (Associated Kellogg Limited)

Evaluation of special sealing measures (Scanada / Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation)

Evaluation of the effectiveness of sealing (UNIES Limited)

Statistical analysis of 2400 home survey (MacKay, Young)

Trial and demonstration of ENUF-24 to stabilize foam and neutralize formaldehyde (ALX Technical)

Evaluation of remedial measures on 3 homes (Atlantic Airseal Limited)

Performance and installation guidelines for residential air-to-air heat

exchange system used for air quality control (Ontario Research Foundation / Saskatchewan Research Council)

Analysis of LBL dosimeters (Beak Analytical)

Testing and analysis of devices used for remedial measures (Beak Analytical)

Sealing and ventilation trial on a UFFI home (Sealox Ltd., N.B.)

Sealing and ventilation trial on a UFFI home (Air Seal Technologies, N.S.)

Monitoring effect of sealing and ventilation on furnace combustion and

formaldehyde concentration (Center for Energy Studies, N.S.)

Trial and demonstration of polyvinylidine chloride latex solution (PVDC) as a sealant (Diamond Products Company)

Evaluation of the effectiveness of a dry scrubber (Kleen Air Limited)

Monitoring 14 homes that underwent corrective measures (NTL, Technitrol, Geortec Limited)

Testing and analysis of devices used for remedial measures (Beak Analytical) Evaluation of HRV's in UFFI homes (Eneraction Inc.)

Sampling and Analysis of Formaldehyde in UFFI Homes

The firms listed below have been responsible for sampling and analysis of indoor air, for the presence of formaldehyde, in some 50,000 homes, in Canada, that have been insulated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation.

Funding Organization:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

UFFI Centre Place du Centre Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 (819)-994-0921 or 1-800-567-6870

Testing and Analysis Organizations:

Acres Consulting Services Limited 5259 Dorchester Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6W1

Atlantic Analytical Services Limited 275 City Road Saint John, New Brunswick

B.H. Levelton & Associates Limited 8805 Osler Street Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4G1

Canadian Microanalytical Service Limited 5704 University Boulevard Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1K6

Can Test Limited 1323 West Third Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1J8

Clayton Environmental Consultants Limited 400 Huron Church Road Windsor, Ontario N8X 1E5

Didak Management Services Inc. 120 Holland Avenue Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 0X7 (continued)

Geortec Limited 86 Hamilton Avenue St. John's, Newfoundland A1E 1K9

Guelph Management Laboratories Limited 246 SilverCreek Parkway N. Guelph, Ontario N1H 1E7

Hazardous Material Consultants Limited 922 Prince Street Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 1H3

IEC Beak Consultants Limited 3333 Boulevard Cavendish, Suite 400 Montréal, Québec H4B 2M5

IEC Beak Consultants Limited 687 Goreway Drive Mississauga, Ontario L4V 1L9

IEC Beak Consultants Limited Suite 120, 10751 Shellbridge Way Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W8

J.M. Berry Company Limited 780 East 29th Street North Vancouver, B.C. V7K 1B4

National Testing Laboratories 501-C Weston Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 3H4

Nova Chem Limited P.O. Box 1030 Armdale, Nova Scotia B3L 4K9

Radiation Environmental Management Systems Inc. (REMS) 415 Philip Street Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1

Research & Productivity Council (RPC) P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5H1

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Roche Associés Ltée 2535 Boul. Laurier Ste. Foy, Québec G1V 4M3

Scanada Consultants Limited 446 Reynolds Street Oakville, Ontario L6J 3M4

Scanada Consultants Limited 436 MacLaren Street Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0M8

Seatech Investigation Services Limited 5257 Morris Street P.O. Box 2161, Station M Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3C4

Technitrol Canada Limited 121 Hymus Boulevard Pointe Claire, Quebec H9R 1E6

The Trow Group Limited 43 Baywood Road Rexdale, Ontario M9V 3Y8

U.F. Labs Inc. 43 Railside Road Don Mills, Ontario M3A 3L9

Warnock Hersey Professional Services Limited 128 Elmslie Street LaSalle, Quebec H8R 1V8

- 1. Biomedical Research and Toxicology
- 2. Formaldehyde Assay Kit

Kemic Bioresearch is involved primarily in contract biomedical research and consulting, including all aspects of toxicology. Previous work, pertaining to indoor air quality, involved investigation of Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation, funded by the National Research Council of Canada, under the federal UFFI research program. Future work, proposed for this area, involves immunological testing and development of biological indicators, for evaluating health effects of building materials.

Kemic has recently established a scientific instrument and manufacturing division, and is producing a 'formaldehyde assay kit' that can be used by home-owners, as well as for industrial and educational applications. The kit incorporates a solid state colorimeter, developed with financial assistance from the National Research Council.

Dr. Peter Mullen of Kemic organized an advanced study institute on immunotoxicology, at Acadia University Campus, in July 1982, and conducted a seminar, on January 17th, 1984, entitled 'Toxic Chemicals on the Farm'. He is also editor of the International Journal of Immunopharmacology, published by Pergamon Press.

Research Organization:

Kemic Bioresearch Laboratories Limited

Dr. Peter W. Mullen Kemic Bioresearch Laboratories Limited 7 The Industrial Mall P.O. Box 878 Kentville, Nova Scotia B4N 4H8 (902)-678-8195

Publications:

"Kemic Bioresearch Laboratories Limited". Folder with various papers describing research expertise and product specifications. Inquire Kemic Laboratories, Box 878, Kentville, N.S. B4N 4H8.

"International Journal of Immunopharmacology". Mullen, P.W., Editor, and Hadden, J.W., Associate Editor (Kemic Bioresearch Laboratories Ltd., Kentville, Nova Scotia, and Immunopharmacology Program, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, Florida). Published quarterly by Pergamon Press, Suite 104, 150 Consumers Rd., Willowdale, Ontario M2J 1P9. Annual subscription US \$120.

Indoor Air Quality Testing, Odour Measurement and Control

Dr. Nasrat Hijazi has developed considerable expertise in measurement and analytical methodologies for air quality and materials testing, and for odour control indoors and outdoors.

Through TRC Advanced Analytics Canada and TRC Environmental Consultants (U.S.) until 1984, Dr. Hijazi participated in a number of studies of the 'new building syndrome' (energy-efficient office buildings with reported health problems).

His expertise in equipment includes familiarity with the TAGA (Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer) mobile mass spectrometer, for identifying and quantifying extremely low levels of contaminants, on a real-time basis. This real-time mobile analyzer is capable of taking gaseous, prepared liquid, or solid samples and providing an immediate analysis, at concentrations down to the parts per trillion range. It is based on atmospheric pressure chemical ionization, coupled with ion detection by mass spectrometry in either single phase (APCI/MS - TAGA 3000) or tandem (APCI/MS/MS - TAGA 6000) configuration.

Research Organization:

Nasrat Hijazi, Ph.D. 153 Douglas Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5M 1G7 Tel: (416)-481-2920

Publication:

Hijazi, N., Chai, R., Bradstreet, J.W., Duffee, R.A., Astle, A. and Amster, M., 1983. "Indoor Organic Contaminants in Energy Efficient Buildings". TRC Environmental Consultants, Inc., Connecticut, USA. Inquire c/o Nasrat Hijazi at address listed above.

Bi-Monthly Environmental Newsletter

The Alberta Ministry of Environment publishes a bi-monthly newsmagazine entitled "Environmental Views". Each issue deals with a specific topic from various viewpoints, with the aim of increasing awareness of environmental issues amoung Albertans. Environment Views is directed by an independent board, with representation from environmental groups, government and industry, and the views expressed are not necessarily those of Alberta Environment.

The August 1983 issue of Environment Views contained feature articles on indoor air quality and the home environment, listed below.

Research Organization:

Alberta Environment

Maryhelen Vicars, Editor Environment Views Communications Branch Alberta Environment 11th Floor, Oxbridge Place 9820 - 106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

Funding Organization:

Alberta Environment (address as above)

Publication:

Wilson, Jim, 1983. "Indoor Air Quality: A 'Chemical Soup' in our Homes and Workplaces". Environment Views 6, No. 4, pp. 12-15, July/August 1983. ISBN 0701-9637, publication available from Alberta Environment, Edmonton T5K 2J6.

Duffy, Ron, 1983. "The Home Environment: Hazards of the Homestead". Environment Views 6, No. 4, pp. 20-22, July/August 1983. ISBN 0701-9637, publication available from Alberta Environment, Edmonton T5K 2J6.

Indoor Air Quality Studies, Particularly Radon Emissions

Acres Consulting Services has considerable experience and expertise in radon and methane studies, in residential environments, as well as some experience in general industrial air quality work.

(For more specific outlines of previous radon work done jointly with DSMA ATCON Ltd., see listings under DSMA ATCON)

Research Organization:

Acres Consulting Services Limited

Dr. Gordon Davies
Acres Consulting Services Limited
5259 Dorchester Rd.
P.O. Box 1001
Niagara Falls, Ontario
L2E 6W1
(416)-354-3831
(or via Toronto (416)-595-2000 ext. 201)

David Sampson Acres Consulting Services 480 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5G 1V2 (416)-595-2000

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Indoor Air Quality Measurements

André Marsan and Associates Limited has experience in both outdoor and indoor air quality measurement. Indoor measurements have been predominantly for formaldehyde in residences. Their laboratory is government approved for measurement of formaldehyde, in homes insulated with Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation. Analytical work and instrumentation is done both in-house and by outside lab facilities.

Research Organization:

André Marsan & Associates Limited

Marc Berlin André Marsan & Associates Limited 1130 West Sherbrooke St. Montreal, Quebec H3A 2R5 (514)-288-1332

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publications:

Analysis of Asbestos Samples

The Atlantic Industrial Research Institute specializes in chemical analysis of materials. Primary experience is with analysis of asbestos samples removed from buildings. The analysis is performed in-house with X-ray diffraction equipment. Capability extends to analyzing other building materials.

Research Organization:

Atlantic Industrial Research Institute

Prof. G. Peter Wilson, Director Atlantic Industrial Research Institute P.O. Box 1000 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2X4 (902)-429-8300

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Optimum Air Filter Efficiency Study

ASHRAE Standard 82-1981, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality, requires much higher outside air volumes for areas where smoking is permitted, compared to non-smoking areas. The Standard also contains a provision that, in smoking areas, some of the outside air may be replaced by suitable filtered, recirculated air.

The purpose of this study, by the British Columbia Buildings Corporation, is to evaluate the life-cycle costs and expected performance of ventilation systems using the specified volume of outside air, compared to those obtained by progressive substitution of recirculated air for outside air, and with the use of air filters of differing efficiencies.

An important element of the study is an attempt to determine how air filter manufacturers are responding to the substitution provision of the standard, by making available efficiency data for the most relevant parameter, namely the removal of tobacco smoke particulates.

Research Organization:

British Columbia Buildings Corporation

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Senior Technical Advisor - Mechanical
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Tel: (604)-387-7221
Telex: 049-7439

(street address 3350 Douglas St., Victoria)

Funding Organization:

Same

Publication:

No publication plans.

Indoor Air Quality: Industrial

Brian E. Felske & Associates Ltd. has primarily been involved with industrial indoor air quality measurement, particularly for mining companies and the mineral resource industry. Through access to a pool of personnel of different disciplines, the firm can handle related studies. The Toronto office does not have laboratory facilities.

Research Organization:

Brian E. Felske & Associates Ltd.

Lois Marsh Brian E. Felske & Associates Ltd. 130 Adelaide St. W., Suite 1818 Toronto, Ontario M5H 3P5 (416)-365-7936

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Environmental Performance of Office Buildings

Architectural Diagnostics has been involved in evaluating various aspects of environmental performance of office buildings, from the point of view of occupancy needs and concerns. Indoor air quality is one factor among many that are taken into consideration.

Research Organization:

Architectural Diagnostics

Pleasantine Drake Architectural Diagnostics P.O Box 320, Stn. A Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8V3 (613)-234-1284

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies.

Publication:

Programming, Design and Evaluation of Built Environments

Building Diagnostics Inc., includes architects, social scientists, programmers, and landscape architects, involved in programming, designing and evaluating built environments. Particular emphasis is on the occupancy and use of buildings, and the relationship of that to building performance. Building performance means internal conditions such as air quality, lighting and acoustics.

BDI has been developing an ongoing methodology for evaluating emergency departments in hospitals throughout Canada (funded by Health and Welfare Canada, Health Facilities Design). Work was also underway, in 1984, on evaluation of large government office buildings, for the Architecture and Building Science Division, Public Works Canada.

Research Organization:

Building Diagnostics Inc. / Diagnostics Immobiliers Inc.

John Zeisel / John Schreiber 1167 St. Marc Montreal, Quebec H3H 2E4 (514)-931-0223

Funding Organizations:

Public Works Canada Health and Welfare Canada

Architectural and Building Sciences Public Works Canada 700 Industrial Ave., Unit 5 Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Y9 (613)-998-4317

T.M. O'Grodnik, Director Health Facilities Design Health Resources, H&W Canada Jeanne Mance Bldg. de l'Eglantine St. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1B4 (613)-992-8471

Publication:

Building Diagnostics Inc., 1984. "Energy and Occupancy: an Analysis of the Harry Hays Building, Calgary". Part of Comprehensive Total Building Performance Study for Public Works Canada. Inquire Public Works Canada, 700 Industrial, #5, Ottawa K1G 0Y9.

- 1. Improved Safety of Vented Gas Appliances
- 2. The Effects of Residential Airtightening

Consumer's Gas has, for some time, been doing research into the improvement of safety of vented gas appliances. The present work is on the development of safety shut-down devices which would shut off an appliance, in the event a venting failure is detected. This would alert a homeowner to a problem involving insufficient combustion air and exhaust backflow, that may occur under certain exhaust and pressure conditions, particularly in tight houses.

Work in the United States, on the reduction of nitrogen oxides in combustion in gas stoves, is also being monitored.

A project to examine the effects of residential airtightening was also undertaken, with assistance from University of Toronto and funding from the Department of Energy Mines and Resources and from the Ontario Ministry of Energy. The retrofit project involves a random selection of 40 homes, tested for combustion equipment operation and pollution levels. Ten of these homes were 'commercially' airtightened. Fan depressurization tests were then conducted, to locate reverse flows or vent failures, as a function of pressure.

Previous projects, undertaken with assistance from the Ontario Ministry of Energy, include a study of the energy conservation impacts, of combustion air requirements for residential fossil-fuel heating systems.

Research Organization:

Consumer's Gas

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Funding Organization:

Airtightening and combustion air studies: Ontario Ministry of Energy and Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

Ontario Ministry of Energy 56 Wellesley St. W., 10th floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2B7 (416)-965-1341

Publications:

Not published

Modelling the Movement of Radon Through Soil into Houses

A wind tunnel study was carried out to determine the soil surface pressure distribution around a house, as a function of wind direction. This data will be used as input to a three-dimensional, finite-element model of the soil around a house, to calculate the resulting flows of soil gas and radon into the house.

Research Organization:

DSMA ATCON LTD.

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Funding Organization:

Health and Welfare Canada, Radiation Protection Bureau DSS Contract 0SV84-00070

Mr. R. G. McGregor Health and Welfare Canada Environmental Radiation Hazards Division Radiation Protection Bureau Brookfield Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1C1

Future Radon Levels at a Proposed Building Site

The methods available to measure soil permeability, or radon release rate, were reviewed, and laboratory methods were found to be fully adequate to provide the information required to calculate a Radon Index Number for the site, that would be proportional to the radon entry rate into a typical house.

Research Organization:

DSMA ATCON LTD (with Acres Consulting Services Ltd.)

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Funding Organizations:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Research Council of Canada Atomic Energy Control Board

Publication:

DSMA ATCON LTD., 1983. "Review of Existing Instrumentation and Evaluation of Possibilities for Research and Development of Instrumentation to Determine Future Levels of Radon at a Proposed Building Site". Report INFO-0096, January 18, 1983, published by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9.

Remedial Measures for the Radiation Reduction and Radioactive Contamination of Elliot Lake, Ontario

A now-defunct Federal/Provincial Task Force on Radioactivity (administered by the Atomic Energy Control Board) commissioned a series of studies over the 1978-1982 period, to investigate and implement remedial measures, to reduce radioactive contamination in Elliot Lake, Ontario, including residential environments.

A series of reports was produced over the period, which are noted on the following supplementary pages.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Atomic Energy Control Board

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Publications:

Atomic Energy Control Board, 1983. "Publications Catalog 1983/84" April 1983; Supplement #1 July 1983; Supplement #2 October 1983. Published by Atomic Energy Control Board, Office of Public Information PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9; (613)-995-5894.

DSMA ATCON LTD. & Acres Consulting Services Ltd., 1978-1981. "Reports on Investigation and Implementation of Remedial Measures for the Radiation Reduction and Radioactive Decontamination of Elliot Lake, Ontario." Report #AECB 1211-1: January 1978, 62 pg.; Report #AECB 1211-2: January 1979, 64 pg.; Report #AECB 1211-3: February 1980, 62 pg.; Report #AECB 1211-4: February 1981, 60 pg. Published by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9.

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DSMA ATCON LTD. & Acres Consulting Services Ltd., 1978-1981. "Technical Notes for Radon Reduction at Elliot Lake". Reports published by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894.)

AECB 1208-1: Sample Bag Radon Averaging Units; January 1978

AECB 1208-2: Radon Diffusion Through Concrete; February 1978

AECB 1208-3: Analysis of Working Levels; May 1978

AECB 1208-4: Elliot Lake Remedial Demonstration Program, May 1978

AECB 1208-5: Elliot Lake Remedial Demonstration Program, June 1978

AECB 1208-6: "Exact" Kusnetz Factors for the Elliot Lake Sampling Technique; January 1979

AECB 1208-7: Conversion of Average Radon Concentration to Average WL; May 1979

AECB 1208-8: Experience with the Gas Chromatograph at Elliot Lake; June 1979

AECB 1208-9: Use of the Rolle Method for WL Estimates in Houses; August 1979

AECB 1208-10: Estimating RaA Concentration and WL by the modified Markov-Rolle method; August 1979

AECB 1208-11: Field Comparison of Survey Meters in Houses; October 1979

AECB 1208-12: Concrete Block Basements, Remedial Action Evaluation Program; December 1979

AECB 1208-13: Trial of Bentonite Panels as an Exterior Wall Sealant; February 1980

AECB 1208-14: Comparison of Radon and RaA Concentration Estimates; April 1980

AECB 1208-15: Radon Concentration Estimates Using the EDA Continuous Radon Monitor (RDR-511); April 1980

AECB 1208-16: Check of Theoretical Correction Coefficients for the RDR-511; April 1980

AECB 1208-17: Precision of the RD-511 Radon Concentration Estimates; June 1980

AECB 1208-18: Revised Radon Concentration Equations for the RDR-511; August 1980

AECB 1208-19: In-Situ Performance of an Air-to-Air Heat Exchanger; April 1981

DSMA ATCON LTD. & Acres Consulting Services Ltd., 1979-1981. "Development Program for Radon Reduction at Elliot Lake". Reports Published by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894.)

AECB-1207-1: Isolation Module Tests; September 1979

AECB-1207-2: Condensation Nuclei Concentration in Occupied Buildings; October 1978

AECB-1207-3: Intercomparison Experiment at NRE III; December 1978

AECB-1207-4: Radon Production Rate of Elliot Lake Soils; January 1979 AECB-1207-5: Radon Diffusion Barrier Tests on Commercial Paints;

April 1979

AECB-1207-6: Variation of Radon Concentration in Soil Gas; June 1979

AECB-1207-7: Natural Radioactivity in Ontario Sands; June 1979

AECB-1207-8: Thoron Interference with WL Measurements; August 1979

AECB-1207-9: Laboratory Tests External Coatings; August 1979

AECB-1207-10: Intercomparison of EDA and Eberline Radon Measurement Equipment; November 1979

AECB-1207-11: Concrete Block Fillers; December 1979

AECB-1207-12: Groundwater Investigation; February 1981

AECB-1207-13: Variation of Scintillation Cell Count Rate with Time;
April 1980

AECB-1207-14: A Field Method for Measurement of Radon Daughters in Air: September 1981

AECB-1207-15: Effect of Form Release Oil on the Performance of Two Rubber Base Sealants; September 1981

AECB-1207-16: Calibration of a Portable Five Channel Scintillometer; November 1981

DSMA ATCON LTD. & Acres Consulting Services Ltd., 1982. "FINAL REPORT, Investigation and Implementation of Remedial Measures for the Radiation Reduction and Radioactive Decontamination of Elliot Lake, Ontario". Published as Report #AECB-1207-17, February 1982, by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894.)

Keith Consulting, 1983. "Report on Investigative and Remedial Measures, Radiation Reduction and Radioactive Contamination in Uranium City, Saskatchewan". Published as Report #AECB-1198, March 1983, by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9.

James F. MacLaren Ltd., 1979. "The Reduction of Radioactivity Found in Bancroft Ontario and Its Environs". Published as Report #AECB-1196, February 1979, by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894.

Federal/Provincial Task Force on Radioactivity, 1979. "Workshop on Radon and Radon Daughters in Urban Communities Associated with Uranium Mining and Reprocessing, Elliot Lake, Ontario". Published as Reports #AECB-1209/AECB-1164-1, March 7, 1979, by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894.)

Federal/Provincial Task Force on Radioactivity, 1979. "Second Workshop on Radon and Radon Daughters in Urban Communities Associated with Uranium Mining and Processing, Bancroft, Ontario." Published as Reports #AECB-1209/AECB-1164-2, March 12, 1979, by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894).

Federal/Provincial Task Force on Radioactivity, 1980. "Third Workshop on Radon and Radon Daughters in Urban Communities Associated with Uranium Mining and Reprocessing, Port Hope, Ontario". Published as Report #AECB-1209/AECB-1164-3, March 12, 1980, by Atomic Energy Control Board, PO Box 1046, Ottawa K1P 5S9. (Out of Print - may be viewed at AECB Library, Ottawa (613)-995-5894.)

R-2000 Low-Energy Home Demonstration Program: Air Quality Monitoring

Energy Mines and Resources Canada initiated an indoor air quality monitoring program, which includes some 300 R-2000 low-energy homes and 100 control homes. The testing will include humidity, formaldehyde, radon, nitrogen dioxide, ventilation system air flows, backdrafting of combustion appliances, and other measurements. Resident questionnaires are also being used to gather further information.

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Publication:

Not yet published.

HEATLINE Telephone Advisory Service

Energy, Mines and Resources Canada operates HEATLINE, a toll free telephone advisory service for individual Canadians who wish to save energy, but who need help in deciding what to do and what materials and services to choose. Advice covers home insulation, home heating and energy-efficient house design, as well as ventilation requirements for energy-efficient dwellings. Fact sheets are available on various energy-conservation materials and methods.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, October 1983. "Your Guide to Savings and Comfort: Home Energy Planning". Fifteen-page booklet Available from EMR HEATLINE 1-800-267-9563.

Measurement of Inorganic Contaminants in Indoor Environments

A series of studies was undertaken, to assess the presence and levels of various inorganic contaminants in the indoor environment.

Monitoring has included contaminants such as nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Same as above

Publication:

Inquire Health and Welfare Publications, Ottawa K1A 0L2

Indoor Air Quality Analysis: Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

A project was undertaken to determine the occurrence of selected polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) in the air of nine homes roughly categorized according to airtightness, woodburning, and cigarette smoking.

The purpose of this preliminary study was largely to investigate sampling and analytical methods.

Other studies, presently underway by Eco-Research, are generally in the area of industrial hygiene.

Research Organization:

Eco-Research Inc.

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Funding Organization:

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Publication:

Not yet published.

Measurement of Organic Contaminants in Indoor Environments

A series of studies was undertaken, to assess the presence and levels of various organic contaminants in the office and home environment.

Potential sources, such as fabric protectors, solvents and various other volatile products, are being identified.

Some measurement of formaldehyde levels has also been done on houses insulated with Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation.

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Publication:

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Federal-Provincial Working Group on Indoor Air Quality

A Federal-Provincial Working Group has been established under the Federal-Provincial Advisory Committee on Environmental and Occupational Health, a committee which in turn reports through the Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health, a consultative body composed of the Provincial and Federal Deputy Ministers of Health.

The Working Group, active since 1981, has identified 18 principal substances or groups of substances considered to be potential indoor pollutants. It has been charged with the task of developing guidelines for acceptable concentrations of these contaminants in the home environment, and of making recommendations on ways to reduce exposure to these substances.

In order to reach a concensus on appropriate guidelines, the Working Group is examining evidence, available in the scientific literature, which deals with population exposures to, and toxicological data on, the pollutants concerned. These include: radon and radon daughters, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, oxides of nitrogen, sulphur oxides, particulate matter, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, carbon dioxide, water vapour, biological agents, aldehydes other than formaldehyde, ozone, lead, pest control products, chlorinated hydrocarbons, product aerosols, fibrous materials and tobacco smoke.

Research Organization:

Federal-Provincial Working Group on Indoor Air Quality

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Federal-Provincial Advisory Committee on Environmental and Occupational Health

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Publications:

Not yet published.

Measurement of Radon and Radon Daughters in Canadian Homes

Measurements of radon and radon daughters were carried out, in 14 Canadian cities, on a total of 9999 homes selected in a statistically random manner. The survey was carried out between June and August of 1977 and 1978, in the following cities: Calgary, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Halifax, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Sherbrooke, St. John's, St. Lawrence, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Toronto and Vancouver.

The geometric means of the different cities varied from 0.14 to 0.88 pCi/l (pico-Curies per litre) for radon and 0.0009 to 0.0036 Working Levels for radon daughters. About 64% of all homes had radon concentrations of 1 pCi/l or less, and about 95% had radon daughter concentrations of 0.1 Working Level or less. The highest concentrations of radon daughters was 75 pCi/l measured in St. Lawrence, Nfld.; the highest concentration of radon daughters was 0.233 Working Levels in Sherbrooke, Quebec. The radon originates from natural radioactivity in the soil surrounding the homes.

The researchers concluded that the majority of Canadian homes surveyed showed very low concentrations of radon and radon daughters. They noted that there is, however, a small but significant minority of homes, in distinct cities where increased concentrations of radon and radon daughters are observed, although it was not known whether these concentrations have any health significance. The results of the study showed the possibility that the concentrations specified in regulations, applying to contaminated building materials or uranium mining areas, may be more stringent than concentrations which are naturally occurring across the country.

Research Organization:

Health and Welfare Canada

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Publication:

McGregor, R.G., Vasudev, P., Letourneau, E.G., McCullough, R.S., Prantl, F.A., and Taniguchi, H., (Health and Welfare Canada) 1980. "Background Concentrations of Radon and Radon Daughters in Canadian Homes". Health Physics Vol. 39, pp. 285-289, August 1980 (Pergammon Press, U.S.A.).

Expert Advisory Committee on Dioxins

A report was recently released by the Minister's Expert Advisory Committee on Dioxins, prepared by a committee specially appointed by the Minister of Health and the Minister of Environment.

The committee noted evidence that dioxins could be produced by woodstoves. Although there are many unanswered questions concerning dioxins and woodstoves, evidence was available to the committee which indicated that airtight stoves, which don't have as high a combustion temperature as others, could produce higher dioxin levels.

Research Organization:

Minister's Expert Advisory Committee on Dioxins

Robert F. Willes, Chairman c/o F.D.C. Consultants Incorporated R.R.#1 Orono, Ontario LOB 1N0 (416)-983-5465

Publication:

Health and Welfare Canada, 1983. "Report of the Minister's Expert Advisory Committee on Dioxins", December 1983 NO: Inquire Health and Welfare Information, Ottawa K1A 1B4; Tel:(613)-996-1545.

- 1. Workshop on Development of Biological Indicators for the Effects of Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation: December 1983
- 2. Workshop on the Toxicology of UFFI: September 1982

F.D.C. Consultants has prepared transcripts of a workshop, held September 29, 1982, which was arranged to provide the National Research Council of Canada with advice and exertise in the field of toxicology of UFFI.

The company also organized and is documenting a second Workshop, held December 1983 for the National Research Council of Canada, to discuss and exchange technical and scientific information on the development of biological indicators for screening potential health effects of Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation.

A transcript of the proceedings, and a summary report on the feasibility of developing biological indicators, is being prepared.

Research Organization:

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National Research Council of Canada

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Publication:

F.D.C. Consultants Inc., 1984. "Feasibility Report and Transcript: NRC Workshop on Biological Indicators for U.F.F.I. (Dec. 83)". For National Research Council of Canada. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

Transcription of the Proceedings of the Workshop on Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation; October 1982

Workshop held October 1982, by National Research Council of Canada, to present and exchange technical and scientific information on Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada NRC Contract 19SR-31155-2-4486 (OSR82-00147)

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Publication:

F.D.C. Consultants Inc., 1982. "UFFI Workshop (Oct. 82): Synopsis, Interpretations and Recommendations". For National Research Council of Canada. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

F.D.C. Consultants Inc., 1984. "Transcript of Proceedings: UFFI Workshop October 1982". For National Research Council of Canada. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

Projet de recherche sur la qualité du milieu de travail dans les édifices à bureaux (Research Project on the Quality of the Working Environment in Office Buildings)

Staff at the Hopital du Saint Sacrement have undertaken a research project on the quality of the working environment in office buildings.

Research Organization:

Departement de santé communautaire Hôpital du Saint Sacrement

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Funding Organization:

Ministère des Affaires Sociales Direction de la santé communautaire

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Publication:

Not yet published.

Analyse des éventuelles réactions d'hypersensibilité a la mousse isolante d'urée-formaldehyde et a ses sous-produits (Analysis of Possible Hypersensitivity Reactions to Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation and its Byproducts)

Étude ches les adults dont les maisons sont isolées à la MIUF afin de déterminer si ce produit peut déclencher des réactions d'hypersensibilité chez l'homme et si elles existent, ses mécanismes de production.

Study of adults whose homes were insulated with UFFI, in order to determine if this product can trigger hypersensitivity reactions, and if so, the mechanisms by which they are produced.

Septembre 1983 a décembre 1984.

September 1983 to December 1984.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Ministère des Affaires Sociales Direction de la santé communautaire

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Publication:

Aucune.

Organisation d'une conférence de consensus sur les problèmes de santé potentiellement reliés a la mousse isolante d'urée-formaldehyde les 23 et 24 juillet, 1983.

(Organization of a Consensus Conference on Health Problems Potentially Related to Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation, July 23 and 24, 1983.)

Les experts qui ont participé à la réunion sont parvenus à un consensus sur tous les problèmes de santé discutés. Bien qu'il n'ait pas été prouvé que les syndromes d'irritation et respiratoires soient directement attribuables à la MIUF, cette possibilité est suggérée par l'expérience acquise avec d'autres gaz toxiques. En dehors de la dermatite de contact, des réactions qui soient véritablement immunitaires sont peu probables. Quand elles surviennent chez des personnes exposées à la MIUF, on devrait rechercher d'autres allergènes. Les risques de cancer, de malformations congénitales ou bien d'effets néfastes sur la reproduction sont probablement négligeables, sinon trop petit pour être décelables.

The experts who participated in the meeting came to a consensus on all the health problems discussed. Although it has not been proven that respiratory and irritation syndromes are directly attributable to UFFI, this possibility is suggested by experience with other toxic gases. Aside from contact dermatitis, true immune reactions are not likely. When they do arise in people exposed to UFFI, other allergens should be investigated. The risks of cancer, birth defects, or harmful effects on reproduction are probably negligible.

Research Organization:

Département de santé communautaire, Hôpital Général de Montréal

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Funding Organization:

Ministère des Affaires Sociales, Direction de la santé communautaire

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Publication:

Bulletin de la Corporation professionelle des médecins du Québec, 1983. "Déclarations d'experts sur les risques pour la santé de la mousse isolante d'urée-formaldehyde". Volume XXIII, Numéro 3, Novembre/décembre 1983.

Canadian Medical Association Journal. Editorial, January 1984.

Trace Organic Laboratory for Analyzing Indoor Air Quality

Mann Testing Laboratories has fully equipped lab facilities for analysis of trace organic contaminants in indoor air samples. Equipment includes two Mass Spectrometers that are coupled with an Incos Data System, having a library of some 33,000 organic compounds. Sampling is done using tubes packed with charcoal, ambersorb and tenax, so that the entire range of organics can be covered. The laboratory has also set up an HPLC method to carry out analysis of midget impinger samples for isocyanates, in response to their recent addition to the Occupational Safety and Health Act - Designated Substances.

Recent projects include a number of studies on the identification of air contaminants in office buildings and industrial workplaces.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Client reports are confidential.

Brochures on professional analytical services can be obtained by inquiry to Mann Laboratories, at the above address.

Emissions from Polyurethane Foam Insulation on Domestic Storage Tank Water Heaters

Since emission levels from polyurethane foam insulation (PUFI) increase greatly with temperature, the introduction of polyurethane-foam-insulated domestic water heaters (PUDWH) has raised concern. Emissions from PUFI, from PUDWH's, were characterized at 18 and 60 degrees Celsius, by headspace analysis. Pollutants, which may have adverse health effects, were detected and identified. Equilibrium concentrations and emission rates of these, and dominant pollutants released by PUDWH's, will be determined at simulated service conditions.

Research Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Publication:

Inquire DBR Publications, NRC M-20, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Indoor Emissions from Polyurethane Foam

Emissions from nine board and sprayed-in-situ polyurethane foams were characterized by headspace analysis. A large increase in emission levels was found as the foam temperature was raised above ambient. Preparations were made to carry out chamber studies of emissions from polyurethane foam insulation.

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Publication:

Inquire DBR Publications, NRC M-20, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Air Quality in Houses

The objective of this project is to establish the range of concentrations of some common contaminants in houses, and to establish the relationship between contaminant concentrations and air change rate.

Air change rates and contaminant concentrations were measured on a weekly basis, in ten heat pump heated houses in Ottawa, during the 1982/83 heating season. Air change rates were measured using the grab sampling technique.

Research Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Publication:

MacLaren Engineers, 1982. "A Study to Determine Contaminant Buildup in Houses". Contract 0SR81-00023, April 1982.

A Building Practice Note on the above study is being prepared. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Carbon Dioxide Controlled Outside Air Supply

The objective of this study is to determine the energy that could be saved by modulating the ventilation rate of buildings on the basis of carbon dioxide (CO2) concentrations.

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Publication:

Tamura, G.T. "Carbon Dioxide in Buildings". Prepared for inclusion in Canadian Building Digest. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Contaminant Emissions From Gas Stoves

The objective of this study is to determine the emission rates of combustion products from gas stove operation, and to determine how the levels of these products vary with air infiltration rates and kitchen hood operation. Combustion products being considered are nitric oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO2).

Products of combustion, in the kitchen, living room, and bedroom of the test house, were measured with top burners and oven in operation, and with and without kitchen hood operation.

The study also includes collection of NO2, CO2, CO and air infiltration rate data, in gas stove houses in Alberta.

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Publication:

Goto, Y., and Tamura, G.T., 1984. "Measurements of Levels of Combustion Products from Gas Cooking Stove in a Two-Storey House." Presented at Air Pollution Control Association Symposium, San Francisco, California, June 1984. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Contaminant Emissions From Kerosene Heaters

The objective of this study is to determine the emission rates of combustion products from kerosene space heater operation, and to determine the levels of these products within the house, with various air infiltration rates, heater types and heater locations. Combustion products being considered are nitric oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2) and sulphur dioxide (SO2).

Preliminary tests were first conducted with kerosene space heaters in the test house. The instrumentation and data acquisition system were prepared for the test.

Subsequently, a series of tests were conducted with radiative and convective type radiant space heaters in the test house, and the combustion products were monitored in the kitchen, livingroom and bedrooms. Emission rates were measured either in the CSA (Canadian Standards Association) test chamber, or in a room isolated from the remainder of the test house.

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Field Study of Formaldehyde Emissions from ParticleBoard

The objectives of this study are: 1) to quantify particleboard-based formaldehyde sources, with emphasis on the differentiation of source effects among floor underlay, shelving and fixed furniture; 2) to gain more knowledge about formaldehyde contamination of other materials, in typical building construction; and 3) to develop practical treatment and rehabilitation procedures.

The research and experimental procedures for an apartment study were established, for contract work which started in August 1983. The contractor monitored the formaldehyde concentrations, and quantified specific emission sources, by the elimination procedure. DBR staff monitored the air exchange rate.

Subsequently, work continued to determine individual source contributions to formaldehyde levels in the apartment. Samples from primary emission sources, and from contaminated materials, were analyzed in the laboratory. Simple chemical or physical treatment procedures, for contaminated and primary source materials, are being developed and tested. Periodic measurements will be conducted over a period of a year, to monitor the effectiveness of the decontamination procedures.

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Methods for Field Measurement of Material Off-Gassing

The objective of this study is to identify, or develop, simple but reliable measurement techniques for the identification, and quantification of, air contaminant emissions from building materials in the field.

Information on various methodologies for measuring formaldehyde emissions have been reviewed. Prototype box enclosures have been developed and tried, with various board-samples and installations. Extraction techniques, for air samples from porous composite panels, have been tried and found potentially practical, for determining emissions from edges of overlaid panels. Proprietary detector tubes have been found useful, not only for formaldehyde concentration measurements but also for determining the relative humidity in the enclosure boxes. A report describing the approach, and comparing it with alternative and existing measurement techniques, is in preparation.

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Dynamic Emission Chamber

The objective of this study is to develop dynamic chamber facilities for measuring emission rates of contaminants from building materials, in controlled exposure and/or application situations.

Information on the theory, design and experimental results of dynamic chamber tests has been gathered, by visiting or contacting research laboratories in Europe, USA and Canada. The underlying theoretical concepts have been summarized in a report presented to the Technical Sub-Committee of the Canadian Formaldehyde Council.

The study includes: 1) development of a new chamber, in which the precise control of air velocities over the specimen surface is achieved by circular rotation of the test specimen; 2) verification of Hoetjer's theory, ie., the straight line of the I/C vs. N/L plot, allows interpolation, or extrapolation, to any air exchange and material loading condition, regardless of chamber size; 3) evaluation of the effect of air velocity; 4) evaluation of material combinations; and 5) evaluation of barrier coatings and overlays.

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Publication:

Air Infiltration Characteristics of Houses

The objective of this study is to find air infiltration rates in a number of houses, by tracer gas measurement, and to relate it to the type of house and the weather conditions.

A nitrous oxide infrared gas analyzer was purchased and tested. Air infiltration measurements were made in 45 houses, using a tracer gas decay technique, as part of a study on air quality. Pressure test readings were also made on these houses.

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Publication:

Air Quality in Low Energy Houses

The objective of this study is to perform field studies of air contaminant levels in prairie houses.

Radon, formaldehyde, nitrogen dioxide and relative humidity measurements were made on a group of 46 well-sealed houses, located in Saskatoon. A report was prepared listing these readings. Some analysis was undertaken, relating elevated pollutant levels to high source strengths, and to air change and humidity levels.

The study included remedial action, on a group of approximately 10 houses which exhibited high levels of pollutants, and further surveys on pollutant levels, and their relationship with air change rates and source strengths, involving about 30 houses.

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Publication:

Dumont, R.S., 1984. "Air Quality Measurements in a Group of Low Leakage Houses". DBR Building Research Note No. 218. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC M-20, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0R6.

- 1. The Estimation of Total Human Exposure to Pollutants
- 2. Models for Indoor and Outdoor Exposure to Air Pollutants

The objectives of these studies include:

- 1) Development of a series of integrated models, for the determination of human exposure to indoor and outdoor pollutants, as a function of continuing space and time.
- 2) Development of models for the determination of human exposure to pollutants occurring in a multiple media (i.e. air, water, food).
- 3) Development of "user friendly" computer programs, whereby operators (e.g. building designers) may obtain numerical quantification of human exposure, using given sets of input data (i.e. practical application).

Information on spatial and temporal distribution of four air pollutants (carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, radon, formaldehyde) has been compiled and critically assessed. Historical and current models of human exposure have also been identified and critically assessed. Using information from these activities, preliminary models, for the estimation of individual exposure to air pollutants occurring in the indoor and outdoor environment, have been developed. These models are being refined, as current information on pollution distribution in time and space becomes available.

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Publication:

Building Science Seminars: Humidity, Condensation and Ventilation in Houses

During the Fall of 1983, the Division of Building Research, of the National Research Council, presented 'Building Insight 83', in a number of Canadian cities. The subject matter - humidity, condensation and ventilation in houses - was timely in that damages due to moisture on walls and windows, in wall cavities and in attics, are becoming more prevalent in Canada.

The program featured a critical look at humidity problems in houses, and identified sources of moisture within a dwelling and means of its control. Signs of pending humidity problems were reviewed and corrective measures suggested. Guidelines for new residential construction were discussed.

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Publication:

Division of Building Research, National Research Council of Canada, 1984. "Proceedings and Supplementary Information: Humidity, Condensation and Ventilation in Houses". DBR Proceedings No. 7, NRCC 23293. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Scott, D.L., 1984. "Field Visits to Moisture Troubled Housing in a Maritime Climate". DBR Building Practice Note No. 49, September 1984. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Performance of Passive Ventilation Systems

Air change rates were measured in one two-storey detached house, with five basic types of passive ventilation systems: an intake vent in the basement wall; an outdoor air supply ducted to the existing forced air heating system; an exhaust stack extending from the basement to the roof; and two combinations of the supply systems and the exhaust stack.

An expression was developed for estimating house air change rate, from house airtightness, neutral pressure level and indoor-outdoor air temperature difference. Good agreement was obtained, for the test house, between the predicted and the measured air exchange rates. The effects of furnace fan operation, air distribution system, and size and location of vent openings, on house air change rates, are also discussed.

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Publication:

Shaw, C.Y. and Kim, A., 1984. "Performance of Passive Ventilation Systems in a Two-Storey House". Division of Building Research, National Research Council of Canada. Published in the Proceedings, 5th AIC Conference, Reno, Nevada, USA. Inquire DBR Publication, NRC Ottawa, K1A 0R6.

Mechanical Fresh-Air Ventilation Systems in Detached Houses

Air change rates were measured in a two-storey detached house (HUDAC Mk. XI), with operation of various types of mechanical fresh-air ventilation systems. Four systems were studied, including two balanced systems and two exhaust-only systems. The forced ventilation rate was controlled at 0.15, 0.25, 0.4 or 0.5 air changes per hour. Expressions were developed, for the test house, relating the house air change rate, under winter conditions, to the forced ventilation rate and the infiltration rate due to wind and stack action.

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Publication:

Shaw, C.Y., 1983. "The Effect of Mechanical Ventilation on the Air Leakage Characteristics of a Two-Storey Detached House". National Research Council of Canada, DBR Building Research Note 204. Inquire DBR Publication, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6.

Chemical Susceptibility and Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation

Experience of physicians treating people who are generally more susceptible, than most, to low level chemical exposure, suggests that exposure to formaldehyde, and other UFFI gases, may constitute an added health risk, and that, for such people, exposure should be avoided if at all possible.

Preliminary evidence indicates that some people who are exposed to UFFI gases, and who have no previous indication of chemical susceptibility, may become generally chemically susceptible, as a result of the exposure.

The degree of chemical susceptibility, of each person exposed to UFFI gases, is an important factor to be taken into account when deciding the type, extent, and urgency of remedial measures that may be required to reduce a family's exposure. Care must be taken, during any reconstruction, to avoid introducing further chemical exposures that may aggravate or perpetuate health problems.

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Publication:

Small, Bruce M., P.Eng., 1982. "Chemical Susceptibility and Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation". Bruce M.Small and Associates Limited for National Research Council of Canada, February 1982. Published in softcover as 'The Susceptibility Report', by Deco-Plan, Longeuil, Quebec, 1982, ISBN 0-919039-28-6. Available from Small and Associates, R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ont. LOC 1A0.

Transcription of the Proceedings of the Workshop on Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation; May 17/18, 1983

Workshop held May 17/18 1983, by National Research Council of Canada, to present and exchange technical and scientific information on Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation.

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Publication:

DIDAK Corporation, 1983. "NRC Workshop on Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation, May 1983". National Research Council of Canada. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

Technical Support for the Investigation of Problems Associated with Urea-formaldehyde Foam Insulation

The purpose of this series of studies was to provide technical support for the investigation and solution of problems associated with the installation and removal of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI), and to provide technical support for studies of other materials from which formaldehyde out-gassing may occur.

Study components included:

Field investigations, at the request of home and building owners, or as parts of larger studies, using either NRC staff or consultants;

Technical support and advice to federal and provincial departments and agencies involved in UFFI-related remedial and other measures;

Development of effective measures for the reduction in exposure of home occupants to UFFI emissions, and for the removal of UFFI from homes;

Understanding the characteristics of the substances emitted by the foams in place, and development of test methods to measure these characteristics; and

Development of economical methods for monitoring air contaminant levels over prolonged periods; development of methods for monitoring the level and rate of contaminant production; and development and evaluation of chemical and mechanical methods for the control of contaminants in indoor air.

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Publication:

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1. Chemistry and Monitoring of Indoor Air Contaminants

2. Investigations into Various Formaldehyde Monitoring Devices

Concord Scientific Corporation has been developing and refining a gas source/exposure chamber for formaldehyde gas experiments, under the federal government's UFFI research program. The chamber will be used as a primary standard for formaldehyde (HCHO) gas experiments, including the final development of solid-sorbent, diffusion-tube samplers (passive dosimeters) for formaldehyde. The intent is to produce a very accurate standard gas chamber, for the development of both room air and wall cavity dosimeters. It will be used as a standard for other dosimeters as well.

Additional studies include the evaluation of the performance of Gastec, Drager 0.2/a and Drager 0.5/a detector tubes, in the calibrated chamber.

Previously completed projects in this area included:

The design of modelling systems for air pollutants. Source and sink strengths of contaminants were investigated and quantified, as well as ventilation, in an effort to better understand formaldehyde, and other toxic gaseous contaminants, in the indoor environment.

A feasibility study on the measurement of formaldehyde in living spaces.

Analysis of Dupont C-60 formaldehyde dosimeters, and further investigations of the accuracy and precision of this device, for measure low levels of formaldehyde.

580nm Wavelength absorption of sodium bisulphite solution, for determination of the blanks, for the 2400 homes survey. The report of this study was used as an aid to determine the significance of the results of the 2400 homes survey.

Development of novel wall cavity formaldehyde dosimeters, and investigation into their calibration, sensitivity, correlation with other commercially available devices, and field testing. Manufacturing requirements and costs were examined, to facilitate future production. The intent of the study was to develop a Canadian wall cavity formaldehyde dosimeter.

Design, fabrication and testing of a prototype electro-optical formaldehyde monitor, to facilitate more accurate formaldehyde monitoring. The purpose of this work was to aid in the development of a highly accurate formaldehyde measuring instrument.

Investigation into the feasibility of commercializing a novel formaldehyde dosimeter. Specifications, consistent with the requirements of the National Testing Programme and National Research Council of Canada, were considered in the design and manufacture of wall cavity and room air dosimeters.

200 Home Dosimeter Survey. 1000 wall cavity dosimeters and 1000 room air dosimeters were purchased. The formaldehyde concentration in exposed devices was analyzed.

A chamber study of old and new production lots of Draeger formaldehyde detection tubes.

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Publication:

Concord Scientific Corp., 1983. "A Sourcebook for Evaluating the Chemistry of Indoor Air Pollutants". For National Research Council of Canada. Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

Testing and Analysis of Formaldehyde in UFFI Homes

Proctor & Redfern Limited tested 19 homes, insulated with urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI), for airborne formaldehyde, from February to July 1981 (through a then-subsidiary company known as United Technology and Science Inc.). The air sampling was carried out in accordance with methods established by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the United States, and the National Research Council of Canada, Building Research Division.

Proctor and Redfern also has the capability to evaluate indoor air quality. Office and home inspections include:

- o a walk-through, to look for sources of contamination;
- measurement of comfort parameters, such as temperature, humidity, and air movement;
- o measurement of carbon dioxide, formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, ozone and respirable particles; and
- o examination of the ventilation system, for causes for poor distribution, including biological organism tests.

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Publications:

United Technology and Science Inc., 1981. "Report and Analysis of Data Obtained from Homes With Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation". For Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, Project E.O. 81937, July 1981. Inquire UFFI Centre, Ottawa K1A 0C9.

Suarez, Joe and Rogers, Mike, United Technology and Science Inc., 1982. "Concern for Indoor Air Quality Creates New Market for Consultants". Canadian Consulting Engineer Vol 24, No. 4, pp. 57-59, April 1982.

Indoor Air Quality Measurements for Offices and Residences

Independent Measurement and Technology Inc. (IMET) carries out indoor air quality measurements and investigations for office and residential environments. Gases measured include carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), oxygen (O2), formaldehyde, and trace organics. Particulate sampling includes asbestos.

The company stresses the importance of providing adequate ventilation, based on an engineering analysis which takes into account working area, numbers of people, and other factors.

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Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Efficiency of Formaldehyde Gas Collection Impingers

Envirocon undertook a study to assess the efficiency of two formaldehyde gas collection impingers. The study assisted in determining the accuracy of the impinger method of measuring formaldehyde levels, which was to be used in a 2400 home survey.

Envirocon provides general environmental research services.

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Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Not published.

Home Energy Leakage Project (H.E.L.P.)

The New Brunswick Housing Corporation is attempting, through the Home Energy Leakage Project, to establish a data base relative to the uncontrolled air leakage rates of houses of various age groupings. The Corporation hopes to make some assessment relative to air quality and humidity control.

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Inquire New Brunswick Housing Corporation at address above.

- 1. Response to Inquiries on Fuel Combustion and Ventilation
- 2. Fuel-fired Applicances: Combustion Air Requirements Regulations

The Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Fuels Safety Branch, has provided general response to consumer inquiries regarding heating and ventilating problems, and in some cases, high humidity.

The Branch is also involved in a review of the requirement for regulations dealing with combustion air requirements for fuel-fired appliances.

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Impact of Energy Conservation on Indoor Air Quality

A literature review, on indoor air quality in tight homes, was undertaken as an adjunct to a larger energy conservation project, involving 60 demonstration homes, supporting the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's program to encourage weatherstripping, sealing and insulation of houses in Ontario.

The report concludes that air sealing can reduce indoor air pollution levels from pollutant sources that are outside of the living space, such as radon from surrounding soil and formaldehyde from urea formaldehyde foam insulation. Air sealing can increase indoor pollution levels, if it reduces the level of ventilation, and there is no corresponding reduction made in the source strength of the indoor pollutants.

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Publication:

Coon, David, Ecology House, 1984. "Indoor Air Quality in Tight Houses: A Literature Review." For Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Inquire Energy Conservation Unit, MAH, 777 Bay St., Toronto M5G 2E5.

Household Pollutants and Householder Education

Research began in 1982, and continued throughout 1983, on identifying potential household pollutants and potential health hazards associated with their use. A literature survey is being conducted for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ontario (see entry under Ontario MAH).

Ecology House staff will be giving seminars, and responding to inquiries regarding indoor air quality problems, and means of dealing with them.

One project presently underway is the writing of a book on household pollutants, including a section on air quality and toxic chemicals in the home.

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Comité sur la qualité de l'air dans les habitations (Committee on Residential Air Quality)

Le gouvernement québecois a adopté, en 1981, une loi sur l'économie d'énergie dans les nouveaux bâtiments, dont re règlement est en vigeur depuis le mois d'août 1983. Ce règlement prévoit certaines normes d'étanchéité, a respecter et consacre une chapitre au chauffage, à la ventilation et au refroidissement des édifices.

En novembre 1983, le Ministère de l'habitation et de la protection du consommateur (MHPC), et le Ministère de l'énergie et des ressources (MER), on mis sur pied un comité sur la qualité de l'air dans les habitations. Le mandat du comité est le suivant:

- o définir la problématique;
- o faire les recommandations appropriées au gouvernement en le matière; et
- o Créer une banque d'informations pour les agents spécialisés et pour les consommateurs.

In 1981, the Government of Quebec adopted a law on energy conservation in new buildings, for which regulations have been in effect since August 1983. These regulations provide for certain standards of building tightness, and dedicate a chapter to heating, ventilating and air conditioning of buildings.

In November 1983, the Minister of Housing and Consumer Protection and the Minister of Energy and Resources, established a Committee on Air Quality in Housing. The Committee's mandate is as follows:

- o define the problem;
- o make appropriate recommendations; and
- o create an information bank for building specialists and for consumers.

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Controlled Exposure of Asthma Patients to UFFI Gases and Formaldehyde

One of the fears that has been expressed concerning urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, is that asthmatic patients, with irritable airways, might respond adversely to accidental exposures to low formaldehyde and UFFI off-gas, in buildings insulated with the product. In a series of controlled exposures to formaldehyde and UFFI off-gases, Day et al. found no change, in lung function values, of nine people with no history of allergy or chronic respiratory disease, after they had been exposed to 1 ppm formaldehyde for 90 minutes and 1.2 ppm formaldehyde in off-gases for 30 minutes. Nine patients, similarly exposed and known to have severe asthma, also demonstrated no reduction in FVC and FEV1.

This Queen's University study is part of a series of studies funded through the federal UFFI research program, to evaluate and compare the pulmonary response of asthmatics, from UFFI and non-UFFI homes, to UFFI particles and off-gasses. Dr. H. Pross is carrying out an immunological study of participants, in the third phase of Dr. Day's work.

Research Organization:

Queen's University

Dr. James H. Day, with Drs. R. E. M. Lees and R. H. Clark Department of Allergy and Immunology Queen's University Kingston, Ontario K7L 5E9

(613)-547-3309

Funding Organization:

Health and Welfare Canada Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

UFFI Centre/Centre de la MIUF Place du Centre Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 1-800-567-6870

Publications:

Lees, R.E.M., 1983. "Formaldehyde in Insulation: Villain or Innocent Bystander?". Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Canadian Family Physician 29,1983,1127-1131, June 1983. Reprint requests to Hotel Dieu Family Medicine Centre, Queen's University, 220 Bagot St., P.O. Bag 8888, Kingston, Ont. K7L 5E9.

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Day, J.H., Lees, R.E.M., Clark, R.H., 1982. "Report on the Study of the Effect of Different Concentrations of Formaldehyde on Subjects Alleged to Have Symptoms Related to Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation". Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, October, 1982. Requests to Hotel Dieu Family Medicine Centre, Queen's University 220 Bagot St., P.O. Bag 8888, Kingston, Ont. K7L 5E9.

Day, J.H., Lees, R.E.M., Clark, R.H., 1983. "Urea Formaldehyde Foam and Formaldehyde Exposures". Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Requests to Hotel Dieu Family Medicine Centre, Queen's University 220 Bagot St., P.O. Bag 8888, Kingston, Ont. K7L 5E9.

Day, J.H., Lees, R.E.M., Clark, R.H., 1983. "Effects of Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Off-gases and Formaldehyde on the Respiratory Function of Asthmatic Subjects". Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Requests to Hotel Dieu Family Medicine Centre, Queen's University 220 Bagot St., P.O. Bag 8888, Kingston, Ont. K7L 5E9.

Relationship Between Indoor Air Quality and Weathersealing

Resource Integration Systems is a Toronto-based waste management and energy consulting firm, which operates The Conservation Store, Toronto's first integrated weathersealing and environmental product retail centre. R.I.S. also has considerable experience in public education techniques, and are combining this, and their energy conservation expertise, in developing ways of informing people about the kinds of steps that must be taken, concurrent with weathersealing and other conservation measures, to ensure that indoor air quality remains acceptable.

Research Organization:

Resource Integration Systems Ltd.

Art Mercer, Senior Consultant Resource Integration Systems Ltd. 467 Richmond St. E. Toronto, Ontario M5A 1R1 (416)-366-2578

Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Custom Electronic Instrumentation

Scientific Instrumentation Ltd. is not directly involved with indoor air quality measurement, but rather develops custom electronic instrumentation that can be applied to such tasks as pollution monitoring. For example, the firm has developed instrumentation for Environment Canada's high altitude balloon and rocket surveys of atmospheric ozone concentrations.

Possible applications would include continuous monitoring of indoor air pollutants. Services generally include design and development, through to manufacturing of small volume instrumentation, to a customer's requirement.

Research Organization:

Scientific Instrumentation Ltd.

Larry Cooper P.O. Box 1562 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3R3 (306)-329-4353

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Environmental Analysis Using Gas Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry

Shrader Analytical opened a Canadian-owned and operated analytical facility during 1984, in Windsor, Ontario, under the supervision of Dr. Stephen R. Shrader. The laboratory will include a High Resolution AEI MS-30 Mass Spectrometer and Integrated Gas Chromatograph. The GC/MS unit will utilize a Shrader-developed MicroComputer Data Acquisition System, to aid in data interpretation and reporting.

The company has some twelve years of experience in the field of environmental analyses, using gas chromatography and mass spectrometry. Areas of application include:

- o pesticides and herbicides;
- o PCB's and PPB's;
- o priority pollutants;
- o solvents; and
- o air analyses.

Research Organization:

Shrader Analytical & Consulting Laboratories (Canada) Ltd.

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Funding Organization:

Client funded studies.

Publication:

Project Management and Research in Indoor Air Quality

Ashton and Associates Limited has had considerable experience in assisting government agencies in project management and research in the field of indoor air quality. In particular, Judy Lorimer, the firm's principal, has worked most recently as project manager for a number of studies funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, concerning indoor air quality, including:

- o Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology, a comprehensive review of the indoor air quality literature, carried out by Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited;
- o Indoor Air Quality in Canadian Homes, a series of followup studies, carried out by Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited, concerning research, information access, physical problems and solutions, and people affected by indoor air quality in Canadian homes;
- o Residential Combustion Safety Checklist, a study carried out by Sheltair Limited, into the matter of failures of combustion systems in Canadian homes. This study looked at the possibility of carbon monoxide episodes, involving competition among combustion devices and other exhaust devices (e.g. fans), for intake air, leading to backdrafting or incomplete exhaustion of combustion products; and
- o Thermal and Flow Performance of Chimney Flues in Houses, a study carried out by Scanada Consultants, as a theoretical counterpart to the previous study, analyzing the performance of a house with combustion devices, and their interaction with air sealing, fans, and fireplace operation.

Judy Lorimer is also a member of the Subcommittee on Air of the Associate Committee on Scientific Criteria for Environmental Quality, National Research Council of Canada.

Research Organization:

Ashton and Associates Limited

Judy Lorimer Ashton and Associates Limited 55 Glengarry Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1S 0L4 (613)-234-8309

Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Panel for Energy Research and Development (PERD)

Jim H. White, Research Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Montreal Rd., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2309

Facilities Design for Air Cleaning and Monitoring

SNC Inc. has commercial and industrial experience in the engineering design of facilities for air cleaning and monitoring. The company has no laboratory facilities in-house, but rather works with outside labs for jobs involving air quality sampling.

Research Organization:

SNC Inc.

Guy Racine SNC Inc. 1 Complex Désjardins P.O. Box 10 Montréal, Québec H5B 1C8 (514)-282-9551

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

- 1. Indoor Air Pollution Monitoring
- 2. Energy Conservation and Indoor Air Quality

UNIES Ltd., Consulting Engineers, have been involved in residential energy conservation projects. Indoor air quality considerations play an important part in their work.

UNIES carried out studies of the effectiveness of sealing and pressurization of houses insulated with urea-formaldehyde foam insulation.

Pressurization and wall sealing were being investigated as a means of reducing indoor formaldehyde concentration. Twenty-nine houses were monitored in the study.

Research Organization:

UNIES Ltd.

Gary Proskiw, P.Eng. UNIES Ltd., Consulting Engineers 1666 Dublin Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0H1 (204)-633-6363

Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Occupational and Environmental Health Unit

Undergraduate and graduate training, as well as research programs in toxicology, medicine, industrial hygiene and epidemiology, are supervised and conducted by academic and support staff, often in co-operation with government, industry, unions and other groups within and outside the University of Toronto.

Primary emphasis is on the wide range of interactions between work, health, and disease, including the role of the body's defence mechanisms.

Laboratory equipment, relevant to indoor air quality analysis, includes a gas chromatograph, atomic absorption spectrophotometer, dust samplers/detectors, gas/vapour samplers and detectors.

Facilities are available, through the Information Service, for computerized literature searches (Tel: (416)-978-4522)

Research Organization:

University of Toronto

Occupational and Environmental Health Unit Faculty of Medicine Fitzgerald Building, 150 College St. Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A8 (416)-978-4353

Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Labour (grant)

Publication:

Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 1983. "Occupational and Environmental Health Unit". Pamphlet, available from Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A8.

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring (1982)

The World Health Organization (WHO) undertook a pilot study on human exposures to air pollution, in several cities around the world. In the Toronto component, volunteers carried personal air pollution monitors, and samplers were operated concurrently in homes and back gardens. In the Hamilton component, monitors were placed inside and on the roofs of schools. A draft final report was reviewed at a WHO Working Group in August 1982.

Following completion of the WHO Report, the IES Working Group on Environmental Monitoring was deactivated. However, Ph.D. student A. Maarouf examined the data sets collected in more detail, with advice provided by R. E. Munn, Frances Silverman and Paul Corey (1983).

Research Organization:

Institute for Environmental Studies (U. of Toronto), in collaboration with:

World Health Organization
Gage Research Institute (U. of Toronto)
Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics (U. of Toronto)
Health Sciences Urban Air Environment Group (McMaster University)
Air Resources Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Health and Welfare Canada

R. E. Munn Institute for Environmental Studies University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A4

To carry out the Toronto-Hamilton studies, an IES Working Group was formed consisting of R. E. Munn (IES - Coordinator), F. Silverman (Gage), Sheldon Mintz (Gage), H. Roland Hosein (U of T Medicine), P. Corey (U of T Medicine), L. D. Pengelly (McMaster), C. H. Goldsmith (McMaster), L. Shenfeld (MOE), M. Somers (Health and Welfare), E. Pickett (Industrial Engineering). The IES Working Group is presently inactive.

Funding Organization:

World Health Organization (WHO)

Publication:

World Health Organization, 1982. "Human Exposure to SO2, NO2 and Suspended Particulate Matter in Toronto, Canada". WHO Report WHO EFP/82.38, available from IES Resource Centre, U. of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A4.

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Munn, R.E., 1982. "The Design of Health-related Air Quality Monitoring Systems: Update." World Health Organization, Geneva, Offset Publ. 69. Available from IES Resource Centre, U. of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A4.

Institute for Environmental Studies, R. E. Munn, Ed., 1983. "Annual Report 1982-1983". University of Toronto, October 1983. Available from IES Resource Centre, U. of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1A4.

Physiological Reactions to the Sum of all Indoor Problems

The firm of Vit-Vitaille-Viron has a particular interest and capability in the area of physiological (toxicological) reactions in humans (or animals) to the sum of all indoor problems, including:

- o lack of ventilation;
- o contaminant production; and
- o pathogen production,

and more specifically in the area of pathological effects in humans.

Through SNC Inc., Dr. La Roche has been assisting Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in the analysis of documentation relating to urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, as well as that relating to indoor air quality more generally.

Research Organization:

Vit-Vitaille-Viron Inc. (Triple-V)

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Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Claude Poirier-Defoy Director, Legal Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Montreal Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7

Publication:

Inquire Vit-Vitaille-Viron Inc. at the address above.

Literature Review Capability: Indoor Air Quality

Washburn & Gillis has analyzed the literature on indoor air quality, as part of a review for the Alberta Department of Education.

Additional work for government clients, related to city space heating needs, also involved consideration of indoor air quality factors.

Research Organization:

Washburn & Gillis Assoc. Ltd.

Owen Washburn, President Washburn & Gillis Assoc. Ltd. 70 York St. Fredericton, N.B. E3B 3N5 (506)-454-0213

Funding Organization:

Client funded studies

Publication:

Facts and Policy Issues Regarding Indoor Air Quality

Matthew B. Van Hook provides counsel on environmental, health and safety regulation matters, for government and industry clients.

His emphasis is on the regulation of air pollution, and recent work has included investigation of facts and policy issues regarding indoor air quality, for industry clients. He provides a source of information for Canadians, on the activities of American industry or government agencies in this field.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Chemical and Mutagenic Activity of Adsorbed Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) are produced by the combustion of all types of fossil fuels and organic matter. These substances are associated with soot, fly ash and other particulate matter in the ambient atmosphere, and with woodburning furnaces and eigarette smoke in the indoor environment. Many individual PAH are known to be potent carcinogens, tumor promoters and mutagens in animal tests.

Studies have been performed, by Dr. Morris Katz and Dr. E. Lee-Ruff of the Department of Chemistry at York University, Toronto, to determine the chemical and photochemical reactions of PAH adsorbed on the surfaces of small particles in the respirable size range.

The results of these ongoing studies are expected to provide knowledge that will aid in the formulation of criteria for improvement of air quality, and for safeguarding public health.

Research Organization:

York University

Dr. Morris Katz and Dr. E. Lee-Ruff Department of Chemistry York University 4700 Keele Street Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3 (416)-667-3446

Funding Organization:

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

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Natural Sciences and Engineering
Research Council of Canada
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Publication:

Inquire Dept. of Chemistry, York University at address above.

Canadian Issues and Opportunities in Indoor Air Quality

The Institute of Occupational Health and Safety of McGill University acted as the facilitator for the planning, holding and reporting of a workshop on Indoor Air Quality, which was held February 25-26, 1985 in Ottawa, Ontario.

The purpose of this workshop was to address the far-ranging implications of the internationally-emerging issues of indoor air quality, and possible strategies for ensuring appropriate Canadian participation in their resolution.

These issues related to public concerns, knowledge gaps and industrial opportunities in the areas of human comfort, health and safety indoors, as well as the functional integrity of buildings and their contents. Issues which were addressed included:

- a) socio-economic aspects of IAQ concerns including:
 - . increased rates of lung and other respiratory disorders;
 - new health services requirements, for individuals sensitive to pollutants associated with the so-called twentieth century disease and the tight building syndrome;
 - . property value changes, such as occurred with UFFI;
 - implications of possible regulatory measures on the development and introduction of new products;
 - . increased space heating and cooling expenditures;
 - new engineering and architectural IAQ-related services in building design and trouble-shooting;
 - the necessity for the design, manufacture and installation of fail-safe combustion-based space heating and cooling systems; and
 - emerging markets for low emission materials, pollutant monitoring sensors, and improved ventilation, air cleaning and humidity control systems;
- b) the priority IAQ concerns requiring building science, engineering and health studies;
- c) recommendations for an optimum approach for organizing and managing IAQ research and development in Canada, including addressing the needs for centres of excellence and regional distribution of expertise; and

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d) mechanisms for promoting co-operative R&D, and for information sharing among Canadian industry, universities and government, and with bodies in the United States and other countries with similar interests.

Research Organization:

McGill University

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Publication:

Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6.

International Specialty Conference on Indoor Air Quality in Cold Climates: Hazards and Abatement Measures

The Air Pollution Control Association's TT-7 Committee held a specialty conference on Indoor Air Quality in Cold Climates in Ottawa, April 29-May 1st, 1985.

Concern about the quality of indoor air, as it affects human health, has grown rapidly in the last few years, with special problems in cold climates. Specifically, there is concern about the day-to-day exposure of people to airborne contaminants in the office, school, and home — places were a large number of people spend the largest portion of their time. Potentially hazardous gases, such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, radon and formaldehyde, respirable suspended particles, such as those from tobacco smoke and asbestos insulation, and viable particles, such as fungi spores and microorganisms from cultures in stagnant water, plumbing systems and wet building materials, and from plants, animals and people, can be generated and trapped indoors, at levels significantly higher than those occurring outdoors.

In recent years, there have been compelling financial and energy conservation incentives, in cold climates, for tightening the enclosures of buildings, reducing ventilation rates, lowering hot water temperatures, and switching from oil to other fuels. These factors, combined with the introduction of certain building materials, furnishings and consumer products, have raised serious concerns as to whether there is a general deterioration of indoor air quality, including humidity factors, as it affects human health. Changes in lifestyle and attitudes serve to confound this issue.

These concerns were addressed in the specialty conference. Papers identified health hazards and pollutant sources on the one hand, and measures to control pollutant levels through building design, and systems and component selection and operation on the other. Emphasis was on field and laboratory studies, along with analytical modelling. Research strategies of industry and governments, to address these indoor air quality issues, were also featured.

Research Organization:

Air Pollution Control Association

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Publication:

Inquire DBR Publications, NRC-M20, Ottawa K1A 0R6, re proceedings.

Hazardous Heating and Ventilating Conditions in Housing

Under certain circumstances, hazardous heating and ventilating conditions have been created in Canadian housing, by the inadequate exhaustion of combustion products from fuel-burning equipment. Over 200 deaths, from incomplete combustion of domestic fuels, have been reported over the period 1973 to 1983.

The study investigated these conditions, and documents contributing factors. The authors note that continuing steps towards airtight housing may cause more episodes of chimney downdrafting.

Research Organization:

Hatch Associates Ltd.

Tom J. Robinson, M.Eng. Hatch Associates Limited 21 St. Clair Ave. E. Toronto, Ontario M4T 1L9 (416)-962-6350

Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Research Division,
Policy Development and Research Sector
Energy Mines and Resources Canada, Canadian Combustion Research
Laboratory ERL/CANMET
Health and Welfare Canada, Bureau of Epidemiology,
Health Protection Branch

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(613)-748-2306

Publication:

Robinson, T.J., Hatch Associates Ltd., 1984. "Hazardous Heating and Ventilating Conditions in Housing". For Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Inquire CMHC Housing Information Centre, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Ventilation Standards for Areas North of the Tree Line

Work was undertaken to develop improved building standards, including residential ventilation standards, for areas north of the tree line.

Research Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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Publication:

Not yet published.

Evaluation of Remedial Measures in UFFI Homes

The Ontario Research Foundation has participated, for a number of years, in the federal government's UFFI research program. Early projects included data collection, in field studies of formaldehyde gas in homes, investigation of structural effects of UFFI in buildings, and performance and installation guidelines for residential air-to-air heat exchangers.

More recent projects, under the federal UFFI program, include:

- o Monitoring the effect of sealing techniques to prevent UFFI gases from entering living spaces. Formaldehyde levels were monitored for several months, before and after implementation of remedial measures, in a masonry house in the Toronto area;
- o Evaluating the effectiveness of pressurizing, as a remedial measure in urea-formaldehyde foam insulated homes;
- o Testing of the effectiveness of an air-to-air heat exchanger, as a remedial measure in a masonry house in Toronto;
- o Testing the effectiveness of wet or dry air scrubbers, as a remedial measure in a masonry house in Toronto;
- o Investigating a number of mechanical and physical techniques for breaking up in situ UFFI, and removing the broken down product from the wall cavities; and
- o Providing laboratory support for removal techniques, including investigation of the efficiency of a variety of chemical agents at neutralization of UFFI residues on contaminated building materials. The aim is to develop alternative treatment to sodium bisulphite spraying, or a list of possible techniques, for treatment of a wider range of materials.

Research Organization:

Ontario Research Foundation

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Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Ventilation for Humidity Control

During the winter season in Canada, excess moisture in a residence is a common occurrence, and can lead to condensation and moisture related problems, such as mold, mildew and rot. This research report, by Jim H. White of the Research Division of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, examines the use of ventilation as a means to control moisture in homes. It attempts to provide further insight into the relationship that exists between building thermal performance, moisture flow, ventilation, energy consumption and air quality concerns in general.

The house structure, the environment, plus the occupants and their lifestyles, introduce water into the interior of the building envelope. A limited number of ways are available to remove this moisture: reduce the production at the source, use dehumidifiers, or carry out the moisture with the ventilation air.

Ventilation has been, and will probably continue to be, the most effective way to remove reasonable amounts of moisture generated within the building envelope. Because of the energy cost of evaporating the water, heating the ventilation air, and moving it and the water vapour out of the envelope, it is desirable to maintain the rate of ventilation at the minimum rate sufficient to prevent excessive condensation.

Research Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Jim H. White Research Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Montreal Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2309

Publication:

White, Jim H., 1984. "Ventilation for Humidity Control". Research Division, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Research Report, March 1984. Available from Canada Housing Information Centre, CMHC, Montreal Rd., Ottawa K1A 0P7.

Indoor Air Quality Effects of Heat Recovery Ventilators

To date, testing of heat recovery ventilators, both in the laboratory and in actual residential installations, has focussed primarily on airflows and temperatures, in assessments of ventilation rates and operating efficiencies from an energy point of view.

Two areas will be assessed in this project. Firstly, there is a concern that heat recovery ventilators may contribute to indoor air pollution, by providing an environment conducive to the growth of mould and bacteria, under certain operating conditions. This concern also extends to dust and inorganic particulates, as well as to gases potentially derived from the glues or sealants used in the manufacturing of the device.

Secondly, the general question: "do heat recovery ventilators improve indoor air quality, and to what degree", remains unanswered. The actual installation, air distribution system and occupant behaviour may have considerable effect on the replacement of air, and the corresponding level of air quality. Empirical evidence of actual pollutant reduction, through the use of the device, has not been established, and a series of time-averaged air quality tests are to be performed to address this gap.

Funding Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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Assessment of Medium Efficiency Air Filtration

This project will investigate the following aspects of the use of medium efficiency filtration, to reduce particulate indoor air pollution in homes:

- o field efficiencies;
- o ability to reduce fine smoke particles;
- o pressure drops and effects on furnace and fan operation; and
- o performance when nearing the end of useable lifespan (i.e. clogged).

Research Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Terry Robinson, Project Manager Project Implementation Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Montreal Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2347

Funding Organization

Same.

Publication

Not yet published.

Testing Air Quality in Weatherized Homes

A study was performed to test air quality in 20 homes made more airtight, to assess the type of indoor environment.

Leakage measurements were taken before and after applying appropriate sealing techniques on the demonstration homes. Indoor air quality measurements were taken following the sealing of the homes.

Earlier work included assessment of condensation in well-insulated buildings.

Research Organization:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with I.E.C. Beak Consultants

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I.E.C. Beak Consultants Limited 6870 Goreway Drive Mississauga, Ontario L4V 1P1 (416)-671-2600

Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Energy

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Publication:

"Indoor Air Quality: Cambridge Sealed Houses". Inquire Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Research & Development Section at the address above.

- 1. Changes in Air Exchange Guidelines: Ontario Building Code 1983
- 2. Evaluation of Air Exchange Levels (Elliot Lake)

Research Organization:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Funding Organization:

Ontario Ministry of Energy

Ontario Ministry of Energy 56 Wellesley St. W., 10th floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2B7 (416)-965-1341

Publication:

Inquire Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Building Code Branch, at the address above.

- 1. Remedial Measures Advice for UFFI Homeowners and Contractors
- 2. Richmond Hill Demonstration Project: An Air Sealing Study
- 3. Thermal and Flow Performance of Chimney Flues

Scanada Consultants has participated, for a number of years, in various federal government research programs concerning indoor air quality.

Studies carried out under the UFFI research program include:

- o preliminary examinations of UFFI conditions and circumstances, followed by the preparation of a set of eight remedial-adviceguides for use by the homeowner and the contractor. The guides covered all aspects of remedial advice, from measurement of formaldehyde levels through to complete removal;
- o management of the 2300 home UFFI National Testing Survey in 1981 in association with Technitrol Canada Ltd. Actual physical and data collection undertaken by Scanada included approx. 700 houses; and
- o with CMHC, the demonstration and evaluation of special sealing measures, to correct moderate UFFI house conditions. Further development of both visible and hidden leak sealing techniques, including assessment of efficiency of a ventilation bypass procedure.

Scanada has also carried out various studies of infiltration, using fan depressurization and tracer gas techniques, for National Research Council of Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and other clients.

The Richmond Hill Demonstration Project determined the cost effectiveness and practicability of recognized air sealing techniques. The project involved fifteen existing single houses in Richmond Hill, Ontario. In addition to energy savings, the effects of air tightening on indoor air quality were examined. Measurements of contaminants included carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitric oxide, nitrogen dioxide, radon and formaldehyde.

Recent work, funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, includes a study on the thermal and flow performance of chimney flues in houses. This study analyses the performance of a house with combustion devices, and the interaction of these devices with air sealing, fans, and fireplace operation. Phase I included a state-of-the-art review and research design; Phase II included model development and implementation.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Richmond Hill Demonstration Project:

Energy Mines and Resources Canada Buildings Energy Technology Transfer Program (BETT)

Thermal and Flow Performance: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

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- 1. Analysis of Formaldehyde Dosimeters
- 2. Laboratory Registration Program

IEC Beak Consultants Ltd./ Beak Analytical Services have participated, for a number of years, in various government research programs concerning indoor air quality. Studies carried out under the federal UFFI research program include:

- o analysis of Dupont C-60 formaldehyde dosimeters and DNPH solutions;
- o development and validation of state-of-the-art technology used in UFFI studies;
- o analysis of AQR and other dosimeters, establishing test conditions, providing for testing of formaldehyde, in active and passive devices; and
- o special studies and services to review and validate methods and procedures used in formaldehyde surveys, in order to improve reliability of dosimeters and to evaluate their lab and field performance.

More recent formaldehyde-related studies include:

- o evaluation of multidosimeter studies in large buildings, including the collection, documentation and reporting of UFFI/HCHO methodology information for the preparation of presentations and literature;
- o a 200 home dosimeter survey. Laboratory analysis of 5000 assorted dosimeters (NAE/NRC, AQR, Concord). Laboratory analysis of 1200 Dupont reference dosimeters. Data collection includes weather variables and other factors. Computerized statistical analysis of all data was done;
- o evaluation of formaldehyde assay kit manufactured by Kemic Bioresearch Laboratories Ltd.; and
- o administration of the Laboratory Registration Program:
 - analysis of dosimeters from different production lots;
 - investigation of problems with dosimeters;
 - review and evaluation of analytical procedures;
 - determination whether foam samples are UFFI;
 - evaluating testing devices; and
 - providing technical advice.
- o laboratory testing of urea-formaldehyde foam (emissions, hydrolysis, pyrolysis, composition)
- o acting as consultants and expert witness to the Quebec Supreme Court in the on-going trial involving six owners of UFFI houses.

Beak Consultants have also carried out evaluations of indoor air quality and industrial hygiene in office buildings. The company has offices in six Canadian cities, and has fully equipped analytical laboratories. These environmental laboratory facilities are capable of analyzing organics, trace metals, and radon, as well as all other common indoor air pollutants.

Research Organization:

IEC Beak Consultants Limited & Beak Analytical Services 6870 Goreway Drive Mississauga, Ontario L4V 1P1 (416)-671-2600

Contacts: Mr. John Sliwinski and Mr. Petro Oh Funding Organization:

UFFI studies: Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada and National Research Council of Canada

Stephen Hall, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada UFFI Centre/Centre de la MIUF Place du Centre, 200 Promenade du Portage Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 1-800-567-6870

Cliff Shirtliffe
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Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R6
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Publications:

Inquire UFFI Centre, NRC, or IEC Beak at addresses above.

Energy Conservation Studies

Con-Serve Group Ltd. has many years of experience in research and development of energy conservation technology. The firm acted as national co-ordinator for the house inspection phase of the federal government's CHIP evaluation study.

The company assisted the Department of Energy Mines and Resources and the National Research Council of Canada, in the preparation of a five-year research and development plan, for the Building Energy Conservation Sector Committee (BECS). This plan included indoor air quality considerations, as one area of potential impact of energy conservation measures.

The company is also involved in the design of several carbon dioxide monitoring and control systems for office and laboratory environments.

Research Organization:

Con-Serve Group Ltd.

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada Energy Mines and Resources Canada

Hamid Mohamed, Secretary PERD/BECS Committee Office of Energy Research and Development Energy Mines and Resources Canada 10th Floor, 580 Booth Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E4

Publication:

Not published.

Development of a Water Spray Air Scrubber

Under the federal UFFI research program, the Saskatchewan Research Council studied the feasibility of developing and building a water spray air scrubber, for UFFI residential application, for safe removal of gas/particulate pollutants.

The equipment consists of a spray system, plus dehumidifier, working in a furnace return air flow. The expected efficiency for formaldehyde removal is 50% to 70%, at 1/5 the operating cost of an air-to-air heat exchanger.

The work included testing and evaluation of the prototype scrubber. Funding by the UFFI Centre was terminated after the feasibility stage, since the scrubber was not considered practical.

Research Organization:

Saskatchewan Research Council 30 Campus Drive Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0X1

Funding Organization:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

UFFI Centre/Centre de la MIUF Place du Centre Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 1-800-567-6870

Publication:

Inquire UFFI Centre at address above.

Adverse Health Effects from Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation

The Centre de Toxicologie du Québec has been carrying out a number of studies of adverse health effects and environmental parameters, for both UFFI and non-UFFI homes. Part of this work has been funded under the federal UFFI research program.

Research Organization:

Centre de Toxicologie du Québec

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Funding Organization:

Health and Welfare Canada

Publication:

Inquire Centre de Toxicologie du Québec at address above.

Comparison of UFFI and Non-UFFI Residents Before and After Remedial Measures

The Gage Institute, at the University of Toronto, undertook a comparison of health status of UFFI and non-UFFI residents, before and after remedial measures on UFFI homes. Approximately 250 homes, in each of the following categories, were involved in the study:

- 1. Non-UFFI homes;
- 2. UFFI homes with no remedial measures;
- 3. UFFI homes with foam removal; and
- 4. UFFI homes with measures other than removal.

Research Organization:

Gage Research Institute

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Funding Organization:

Health and Welfare Canada

Publication:

Inquire Gage Research Institute at address above.

Historic Health Records of School Children in UFFI Homes

Dr. G. R. Norman, at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, has undertaken an evaluation of historical health records of school children, in Hamilton, living in UFFI homes. The study was funded under the federal UFFI research program.

Both Dr. Norman, and his colleague Dr. M. T. Newhouse, have been actively involved in research on the effects of formaldehyde on health.

Research Organization:

McMaster University

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Funding Organization:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada Health and Welfare Canada

UFFI Centre/Centre de la MIUF Place du Centre Hull, Québec K1A 0C9 1-800-567-6870

Publication:

Newhouse, M.T., and Norman. G.R., 1982. "Health Effects of Foam Insulation: A Critical Re-Appraisal". Presented at the Conference 'Formaldehyde: The Facts', Corpus Forum, Toronto May 3-4, 1982. Inquire McMaster University at address above.

Norman, G.R., Pengelly, D.L., Kerigan, A.T., and Goldsmith, C.H., 1985. "Respiratory Function of Children in Homes Insulated With Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation". Final Report to the UFFI Centre, Sept. 1984. Submitted to the Canadian Medical Association Journal, March 1985.

Removal of Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation from Masonry Structures

Associated Kellogg has carried out a number of studies involving the removal and treatment of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, in masonry structures, under the federal UFFI research program. A number of documents, or chapters of documents, were prepared, both for the UFFI Centre's contractor training program and for the National Research Council (Building Practice Notes).

The documents included consideration of: removal procedures; use of neutralizing agents on UFFI residues in masonry houses; heat recovery; energy conservation for UFFI remedial measures; modifications to residential heating and ventilation equipment, to ensure a supply of fresh air; chemisorbants and particle filters; pressurization and ventilation remedial measures; disposal of removed UFFI; interaction of electrical wiring and outlets affected by UFFI; and safety measures during UFFI remedial work.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

National Research Council of Canada

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Publication:

Inquire Associated Kellogg Ltd. at address above.

Identification of Formaldehyde Sources and Emission Rates

Under the federal UFFI research Program, Dr. C. Van Netten undertook studies to identify formaldehyde sources, their release characteristics, and their response to chemical treatment. The object of this work was to develop a testing chamber for determination of low background formaldehyde levels, and emission rates of building materials.

Research Organization:

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Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Inquire C. Van Netten at address above.

Factors that Influence Assessments of Health Effects of Air Pollution

Scientists at the Gage Research Institute, Toronto, and the University of Toronto, examined the health effects of air pollution, in asthmatics and healthy non-asthmatics.

The study took into account the fact that the indoor environment may be a modifier of human exposure to air pollution, by using small, portable, multi-pollutant samplers for nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and particulate matter. The samplers were carried by the study subjects, and also placed in a downtown Toronto air pollution monitoring station (GAGE MOE).

Subjects were visited, on up to twenty days each. Pulmonary function was assessed (by spirometry) in the morning, at the beginning of the sampling, and again at the end of the day, when the sampling was terminated. A questionnaire was completed, documenting symptoms, medications, daily activities, and exposure to potential irritants.

Research Organization:

Gage Research Institute University of Toronto

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Funding Organization:

Same as above.

Publication:

Silverman, F., Corey, P., Mintz, S., Hosein, R.H., 1984. "Factors that Influence Assessments of Health Effects of Air Pollution". Presented at the 3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 20-24, 1984. Proceedings Volume 4: Chemical Characterization and Personal Exposure, pp. 123-127. For reprints inquire Gage Research Institute at address above.

Health and Safety Advisory Panel

With the assistance of Health and Welfare Canada, the Canadian General Standards Board has established a new Advisory Panel on Health and Safety. The purpose of the Panel is to review standards, in order to determine if a potential threat exists, to the health and safety of persons manufacturing, providing or using, the product or service.

When standards or issues are referred to the Panel for advice, selected members are sent relevant information, and asked if they wish to participate in the particular issue involved. If they indicate they wish to participate they are asked to indicate if they wish either:

- a) to be added to the committee mailing list; or
- b) to be added to the committee membership; or
- c) to nominate others to committee membership.

The mission of CGSB is to support the National Standards System, to be an effective standards writing organization, and to support the application of standards, by the qualification and certification listing of products and services, when necessary.

CGSB is accredited, by the Standards Council of Canada, as a standards writing organization, with responsibility for the development of the National Standards of Canada, in more than 70 subject areas. CGSB provides administrative expertise and support, to the public and private sectors, on standards, specifications, qualification and certification listing matters.

The development of CGSB standards is by the voluntary consensus process, utilizing over 300 technical committees, comprised of over 3500 committee members, representing the three levels of government, manufacturers and suppliers, consumer and labour interests, research organizations – in fact any one affected by the standard. An annual Catalogue is published, listing all of the 1700 standards currently on issue. CGSB policy requires a review of all published standards, at least once every five years.

Organization:

Canadian General Standards Board

Peter M. Jones, Director, Standards and Specifications Branch Canadian General Standards Board Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1G6 (613)-997-5710

Funding Organization:

The Canadian General Standards Board receives funding from sponsors of standards activities, including the private sector and all three levels of government. Revenue is also received from the sale of standards, and from qualification and certification listing programs.

Publications:

Inquire at the address above.

Safety Evaluation of Unvented Kerosene Heaters

In February 1983, the Canadian market was surveyed, at the retail level and at the importation/distribution level, to choose a representative group of portable kerosene heaters, for a test program to determine the hazards, if any, arising from their use. In consultation with officials from Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, 10 heaters were chosen which had a popular power rating of around 1500 W, and 2 heaters were chosen which had a power rating of 4400 W, the largest recommended for residential use by CSA Standard B140.9.3-M1979.

The test program focused on the measurements of the products of combustion, heater surface temperatures, and parameters related to fire safety. The products of combustion measured were carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. Results lead the researchers to the conclusion that kerosene heaters, can, under certain conditions, produce significant levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides, though the tests were indefinite as to the level of hazard that this implies.

Research Organization:

Consumer's Association of Canada

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(613)-232-9661

Funding Organization:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

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Publication:

Seccombe, C.J., 1983. "Safety Evaluation: Unvented Kerosene Heaters". Consumer's Association of Canada, March 31, 1983. Published by Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada. Inquire CAC Publications, 251 Laurier Ave. W., Ottawa K1P 5J6.

Testing of Unvented Kerosene Heaters

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada tested eight unvented kerosene heaters, in the living room and a bedroom of a house in Orleans, Ontario. The fuel consumption rate, room temperatures, heater surface temperatures, and levels of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide produced, were measured for each heater.

These tests show that adequate ventilation is necessary, to prevent buildup of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen, when the heaters are used.

Research Organization:

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada

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Funding Organization:

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Publication:

Scientific and Laboratory Sciences Division, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, 1983. "Report on the Testing of Unvented Kerosene Heaters in a House in Orleans". Inquire CCA at address above.

Sampling and Evaluation of Interior Environments

The Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, of the University of Waterloo, provides a full range of services for evaluation of working conditions in all occupational fields, as well as in public buildings and residences.

Many types of environment have been investigated, with many different problems, including varieties of mists, gases, fumes, particulates, as well as physical agents such as noise, vibration, heat, cold, ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, and ergonomics.

These investigations have included, in particular, a study of approximately 200 houses insulated with urea formaldehyde foam insulation.

The Centre has a wide variety of sampling and monitoring equipment in its own laboratory, including personal sampling pumps and ancillary equipment, as well as specific sampling and test devices of various kinds, including a portable infrared spectrophotometer. For analysis, the Centre uses some of the facilities in its own laboratories, such as a polarizing microscope, but also has access to all the wet chemical and other analytical processes found in other university laboratories, including an electron microsope.

Research Organization:

Centre for Occupational Health and Safety University of Waterloo

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Funding Organization:

Client-funded studies.

Publication:

Abstracts of projects are available from the Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, at the address above.

Investigation of Air Quality in Sick Buildings

Over the past several years, the Occupational Health Section within the Ontario Research Foundation has investigated over thirty "sick buildings", i.e. buildings in which occupants have complained of headaches, drowsiness, nosebleeds, eye irritation and other symptoms of discomfort. ORF's approach to solving indoor air quality problems in sick buildings is as follows:

- o identification of sources of contaminant emission;
- o quantification of contaminants levels including formaldehyde, carbon dioxide, airborne microorganisms, paraffins, olefins, aromatics, particulates, etc.;
- o assessment of ventilation system as per current standards; and
- o recommendation of remedial measures.

Research Organization:

Ontario Research Foundation

Syd Barton, Asst. Director, Air Quality Division with Peter Piersol and Pascal Dranitsaris Ontario Research Foundation Sheridan Park Research Community Mississauga, Ontario L5K 1B3 (416)-822-4111

Investigation of Air Quality in Energy Efficient Homes

The Ontario Research Foundation is actively involved in the identification, measurement, and evaluation of indoor air quality in energy efficient homes. Various programs have been undertaken. The Energy Mines and Resources Canada, R-2000 Monitoring Program, is an on-going study, which involves approximately 350 homes across Canada. The following tasks have been conducted as the initial part of the R-2000 program:

- o a review of available radon/radon daughter monitoring equipment for use in the program. An active time-integrating track-etch radon daughter monitoring technique was selected;
- o procurement and distribution of radon, formaldehyde, nitrogen dioxide and passive air filtration sampling equipment, to the 350 homes located across Canada;
- o analysis of the samples, with timely reporting of results;
- o provision of overall co-ordination, training and technical indoor air quality expertise, to Energy Mines and Resources staff, in Ottawa and the 12 regional offices; and
- o a literature review of radon levels in homes.

Four additional R-2000 projects are also underway. Ontario Research Foundation contacts are noted after each project:

- heat recovery ventilator testing, as to heat recovery efficiency, air flows, defrosting and air cross leakage, as per the Canadian Standards Association Preliminary Standard C439-M1985, "Standard Methods of Test for Rating the Performance of Heat Recovery Ventilators". (Mr. Colin McGugen)
- 2. biological testing of installed heat recovery ventilators, in a small sample of R-2000 homes, to determine any bacteria and/or fungal accumulation. (Mr. Peter Piersol)
- 3. testing of a low cost carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide sensing switch, to activate ventilation system operating speeds. (Mr. Peter Piersol)
- 4. temperature breakdown of sprayed-in-place polyurethane, to determine temperature effects of wiring and lighting fixtures, and high temperature offgassing potentials. (Mr. Bill Alderson)

In addition, the R-2000 homes and a sample of control homes, will be monitored seasonally for a number of years, for indoor air pollutants and ventilation system performance.

Research Organization:

Ontario Research Foundation

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Funding Organization

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- 1. Investigations Into Cost Effective UFFI Removal Techniques
- 2. Techniques to Reduce Formaldehyde Levels

Formtek Technologies Inc. has conducted investigations, to determine cost effective removal techniques for urea-formaldehyde foam insulation. The company has also been involved in the investigation of techniques to reduce formaldehyde levels.

Along with Encontek Research Ltd., Formtek has participated in design improvements to the 'Tectonic' system of polyurethane insulating wall sheathing.

Research Organization:

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Publications

"UF Foam - The Current Situation". Insulation Journal, October 1982.

"UF Foam". Surveyor, December 1983.

"UF Foam in New Construction". New Buildings, February 1984.

Heating and Ventilation of Residences

The Canadian Gas Research Institute has been involved in the development of an integrated appliance, for heating and ventilating residences.

Research Organization:

Canadian Gas Research Institute

Dr. F.K. Besik Canadian Gas Research Institute 55 Scarsdale Rd. Don Mills, Ontario M3B 2R3

Energy Implications of Various Outdor Air Ventilation Standards for Office Buildings

Rose Technology Group Limited conducted an in-depth study into two large office buildings, managed by the Ontario region of Public Works Canada. Outside air and exhaust airflow rates were carefully measured, and controls were adjusted, to simulate the effects of changing outdoor air temperatures. The potential contribution of outside air infiltration, through the building envelope, was determined, in order to estimate the existing outside air supply, per building occupant.

The effects on heating, cooling, humidification and fan energy use, of varying the outside air flow rates, from 3 litres/sec/person to 30 litres/sec/person, were then determined, by computer simulation.

Recommended methods of increasing the outside airflow quantities, with a minimal impact on energy use, were described, in a summary of this work, presented at the International Specialty Conference on Indoor Air Quality in Cold Climates, held in Ottawa, April 1985.

Research Organization:

Rose Technology Group Ltd.

J.D. Cowan Rose Technology Group Ltd. Suite 803 55 Eglinton Ave. E. Toronto, Ontario M4P 1G8

Funding Organization

Public Works Canada

Publications

Jarvis, I., 1985. "Implications of Providing Required Outside Air Quantities in Office Buildings". Presented at the International Specialty Conference on Indoor Air Quality in Cold Climates, Ottawa, April 29-May 1, 1985. APCA 2C-6. Inquire address above for reprints.

1. Thermal Envelope Upgrading

2. Ventilation Studies

The Ontario Hydro Research Division has conducted studies in the following areas:

- o Energy, demand and air quality assessment of retrofits, in sixteen houses;
- o Reports were prepared including state-of-the-arts on indoor air quality and condensation;
- o Field diagnostics were undertaken concerning indoor air quality, air-to-air heat exchangers, air change rates, and chimney integrity;
- o Participation in the Canadian Home Builders' Association Technical Review Committee, dealing with residential ventilation guidelines; and
- o Planning research, concerning air movement, mixing, tempering, etc., in residential forced warm/fresh air systems.

Research Organization:

Ontario Hydro Research Division

W.R. Jones Ontario Hydro Research Division 800 Kipling Ave., KR263 Toronto, Ontario M8Z 5S4 (416)-231-4111 ext 6253

Funding Organization

Canadian Electrical Association Ontario Ministry of Energy

H. Douglas Canadian Electrical Association 1 Westmount Square, Suite 580 Montreal, Quebec

Publications

CEA Ventilation SOA, 1980.

Ontario Hydro Research Division Reports. Inquire Ontario Hydro at address above.

Structure of Airflow in Rooms

Analytic and experimental determination of mechanisms of air distribution in buildings.

Research Organization:

University of Waterloo

Richard Lay, P.Eng. Graduate Office Dept. of Mechanical Engineering University of Waterloo Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1

Publications

Inquire at address above.

Air Quality Monitoring

Oboe Engineering Ltd. is engaged in the monitoring of existing building air contamination, air movement and distribution. This service is coupled with offering recommendations for, and carrying out redesign of, ventilation and other mechanical systems.

Research Organization:

Oboe Engineering Ltd.

Leo McCuaig, P.Eng. Oboe Engineering Ltd. 404-251 Laurier Ave. W. Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J6 (613)-239-2664

Funding Organization

Client reports are confidential.

Field Research on Indoor Air Quality

Northern Scientific, Inc. has conducted field research on indoor air quality, including radon and formaldehyde investigations.

The company markets state-of-the-art radon daughter monitoring and measuring equipment, unique 60-minute formaldehyde testing equipment, and household air change test equipment.

Research Organization:

Northern Scientific, Inc.

Dennis Regoza Northern Scientific, Inc. 2114 Robinson St. Regina, Saskatchewan S47 2P7

Publications

Inquire at address above.

Indoor/Outdoor Air Quality Relationships for Homes and Elementary Schools

During 1981 and 1982, McMaster University researchers carried out a preliminary study of indoor and outdoor pollutant levels, at 20 homes and 16 elementary schools in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Sampling was carried out in both heating and non-heating seasons. Multipollutant samplers were used, to sample for suspended particulate matter, sulphur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide, for 24 hours at a time, both inside and outside each building.

Research Organization:

McMaster University

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Publications

Inquire at address above.

Identifying Ventilation-Troubled Houses

This study assembles various airtightness studies, by the National Research Council of Canada, Energy Mines and Resources Canada, and others, as of 1982.

A very large spread of airtightness results is typical of the various series of tests, whether in a given city, over time, or cross-country, for houses built in a given year.

The theory of venting of combustion appliances was developed, in an embrionic form, and competition between exhaust devices (such as fans, fireplaces, furnaces, and water heaters), was studied, to determine the house airtightness levels at which various types of venting failures would be expected. When the various methods are used to predict the possibility of venting problems, for the houses tested in the different test programs, a significant number of houses is included in the troubled zone.

A draft backdraft test is proposed (and has been further developed by Sheltair Scientific Ltd., under contract to CMHC).

Research Organization:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Jim H. White Research Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 682 Montreal Road Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7 (613)-748-2309

Funding Organization

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Publication

White, Jim H., Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, "Identifying Ventilation-Troubled Houses". Inquire at address above.

Pollution and Education in Toronto

The Pollution and Education Review Group was formed by the Board of Education for the City of Toronto, in September 1984, to advise the Board on present scientific and practical knowledge concerning the effects of polluted school environments, both indoor and outdoor, on the health, well-being and educational performance of students and staff, and to recommend action programs to address any problems discovered.

The report of the Review Group, published in May, 1985, concluded that the staff and students in the Toronto school system are exposed to many pollutants which originate both within their schools and in the neighbouring communities. Many of these pollutants can affect brain function, learning ability, behaviour, and hence education.

Research Organization:

Bruce M. Small and Associates Limited

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Researcher: Wendy Priesnitz

Funding Organization

The Board of Education for the City of Toronto

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Publication

Small, Bruce M., "Recommendations for Action on Pollution and Education in Toronto", May 1985. Inquire Otto Langmark, Research Division, Toronto Board of Education, at address above, or by phone at (416)-591-8307.

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PART 2: INFORMATION BASE

2.1 Introduction

This section is intended as an ongoing reference document, and as a discussion paper to aid interested persons in considering the kind of information systems that would be desirable in the field of residential indoor air quality.

The question this section seeks to answer is as follows:

"What information is available to those working on or interested in indoor air quality problems in Canada, and how can they keep up to date?"

Two kinds of information are available to people in Canada interested in indoor air quality. One type is published information, which is found in libraries across the country. The other is unpublished information, which resides in the many desk drawers, filing cabinets, and sharp minds of the researchers.

To function well in the field, most researchers need both types of information. Part 1 of this report attempts to provide researchers with access to unpublished information, through contact with their peers. Part 2 of the report presents a guide for obtaining published information.

The following points describe the state, in Canada in 1984, of published information in the indoor air quality field:

a. There is an extensive literature on indoor air quality problems:

There is a great deal written in the scientific literature, that is relevant to problems of indoor air quality. However, this information is distributed sparsely among a large number of professional journals, conference proceedings, and texts.

b. There are few good library collections on indoor air quality:

Most major libraries in Canada do not yet have many hard copy holdings of texts and proceedings that deal directly with indoor air quality. Researchers cannot adequately keep up by browsing the libraries.

c. Computer databases list what is published:

Most major libraries in Canada have access to computersearchable data on the holdings in this field. Requesting regular updates of computer searches represents a practical means of determining what has been published in the field.

d. Interlibrary loans provide access to references:

Most major libraries have access to texts and conference proceedings, through interlibrary loans. Reprints of reports and single papers can be ordered through computer databases. Although this requires time, the system can, in theory, provide researchers across the country with access to most of the literature on indoor air quality.

In short, the researcher in this field cannot expect to visit the local university library and find, on the shelves, all that he or she needs, to keep up with published information in this field. The relevant holdings of individual libraries are so few, and the number of journals in which relevant articles appear is so large, that the researcher must rely on database search systems to find out what has been written, and on conventional or computerized interlibrary loan systems, in order to obtain hard copy with which to work.

The remainder of this section describes the relevant periodicals, library holdings, databases available, and the procedures required to keep abreast of new developments published in the scientific literature.

What may be of equal importance are the information needs that cannot be filled by the means described in this report. From personal experience, and from informal contact with others to date, this author feels that there are few formal means by which Canadian researchers in this field are regularly keeping up-to-date on current activities relating to indoor air quality. There is no ongoing means, for example, for non-government researchers to stay fully informed of government activities in this area. A number of contacts have also expressed the need for more information about possible sources of funding for further research.

It is hoped that this information base report will help others to think about the future information needs of the indoor air quality research community. Readers are invited to comment on these, and other ideas about information needs, by writing to the author of this report.

2.2 Periodicals Containing Articles Relating to Indoor Air Quality

A large number of scientific, medical and popular periodicals have published papers and articles dealing with indoor air quality, directly or indirectly. The following list was extracted from recent bibliographies on indoor air quality. It is intended only to illustrate how many there are, and may not include all journals that have dealt with indoor air.

The researcher wishing to 'keep up' with the field might subscribe to a small selection of these journals, but it is unrealistic to expect anyone to subscribe to more than a few. Again, regular updates from database systems would signal a researcher when a new paper has been published, and where it has appeared.

Acta Derm. Venercol.

Aerospace Medicine

AMA Archives of Industrial Health

American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal

American Journal of Epidemiology

American Journal of Public Health

American Journal of Otolaryngology

American Review of Respiratory Disease

Anesth. Analg.

Annals of Allergy

Annals of Internal Medicine

Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences

Archives of Environmental Health

Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Medicine

ASHRAE Journal

ASHRAE Transactions

Atmospheric Environment

Biochimica et Biophysica Acta

Biological Psychiatry

British Journal of Industrial Medicine

British Journal of Preventive Social Medicine

British Medical Bulletin

British Medical Journal

Building

Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology

Bulletin Européen de Physiopathologie Respiratoire

Bulletin of the National Institute of Hygiene Science (Tokyo)

Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine

Cancer

Chemical Reviews

Chest

Chronic Diseases in Canada

Clinical Allergy

Clinical Ecology

Clinical Experimental Immunology

Clinical Otolaryngology

Clinical Physiology

Clinical Toxicology

Consumer Reports

Contact Dermatitis

Continuing Education

CRC Critical Reviews of Toxicology

Cutis

Energy and Buildings

Environmental Guardian

Environmental Health Perspectives

Environmental Health and Safety News

Environmental Research

Environmental Science and Technology

Environment and Behaviour

Environment International

EPA Journal

Experientia

Experimental and Molecular Pathology

Federation Proceedings

Federal Register

Fiziologicheskii Zhurnal (Kiev)

Gigiena I Sanitariya (Moscow)

Gigiena Truda I Professional'nye Zabolevaniya'

Hazard Identification and Analysis

Health Physics

Human Ecology Foundation (Canada) Quarterly

Human Ecology Foundation (Toronto) Quarterly

Human Factors

Immunology and Allergy Practice

International Archives of Occupation and Environmental Health

International Journal of Epidemiology

Journal AOA

Journal of the Air Pollution Control Association

Journal of Allergy and Immunology

JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association)

Journal of Biological Chemistry

J.C.E.O.R.L. and Allergy

Journal of Clinical Investigation

Journal of Environmental Health

Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health

Journal of Immunology

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Journal of the Japan Air Cleaning Association

Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine

Journal of the National Cancer Institute

Journal of Occupational Medicine

Journal of Orthomolecular Psychiatry

Journal of Toxicology

Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health

Laboratornoe Delo.

Lancet

Medical Hypotheses

Modern Medicine in Canada

Morphol. Embryol. (Bucur)

Mutation Research

Nature

Neurobehavioural Toxicity and Teratology

New England Journal of Medicine

Occupational Health and Safety

Pediatric Clinician in North America

Pediatrics

Preventive Medicine

Progressive Architecture

Psychol. Rep.

Psychology Today Review of Environmental Health

Royal Society of Health Journal

Scandinavian Journal of Work Environment and Health

Science

Science of the Total Environment

Thorax

Toxic. Applic. Pharmacolog.

Toxicology Letters

Transactions of the Missouri Academy of Science

Vestnik Dermatologii I Venerologii

Wisconsin Epidemiology Bulletin

Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine

Zhurnal Nevrophatologii i Psikhiatrii Imeni S.S. Korsakova

2.3 Library Holdings in Indoor Air Quality

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A simple poll was conducted, at the beginning of 1984, as part of this study, among more than 80 university and other libraries across Canada. The librarians were simply asked to list all library holdings pertaining to indoor air pollution or indoor air quality. The results were clear - most libraries in Canada had, at that time, at most one or two textbooks or conference proceedings on indoor air quality.

The most comprehensive library set of such texts was held by the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) in Ottawa. The following references were listed in a computer search of the OON (CISTI Catalogue Online) database, (which is also discussed in more detail in a later section):

- (a) 15 references obtained as a result of a search on the words indoor, air, and pollution in the title or keyword sections
- TI PREDICTING INDOOR AIR POLLUTION LEVELS.
- AU PARKER, G. B.; DROPPO, J. G.; OWCZARSKI, P. C.
- TI CONTROLLING IN-PLANT AIRBORNE CONTAMINANTS: SYSTEMS DESIGN AND CALCULATIONS.
- AU CONSTANCE, JOHN DENNIS,
- TI INDOOR AIR POLLUTION AND HOUSING TECHNOLOGY.
- AU SMALL, BRUCE M.; LORIMER, JUDY.; RUSSELL, PETER.
- TI INDOOR AIR POLLUTION (JUN 76, 1982): CITATIONS FROM THE ENERGY DATA BASE.
- OR UNITED STATES. NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE. NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH APPLICATIONS CENTER.
- TI INDOOR AIR QUALITY HANDBOOK FOR DESIGNERS, BUILDERS, AND USERS OF ENERGY EFFICIENT RESIDENCES.
- OR ANACHEM, INC. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES DIVISION. SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES. ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH DIVISION. UNITED STATES. DEPT. OF ENERGY. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.
- TI THE STATUS OF INDOOR AIR POLLUTION RESEARCH, 1976.
- AU SHEARER, S. DAVID.
- TI INDOOR AIR QUALITY.
- AU MEYER, BEAT.
- TI INDOOR AIR POLLUTION: PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDOOR AIR POLLUTION, HEALTH AND ENERGY CONSERVATION, AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS, 13-16 OCTOBER 1981.
- AU SPENGLER, JOHN.

- TI INDOOR AIR POLLUTION: CHARACTERIZATION, PREDICTION, AND CONTROL.
- AU WADDEN, RICHARD A.; SCHEFF, PETER A.
- TI SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH ASPECTS OF INDOOR AIR POLLUTION.
- OR NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE. NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE. SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.
- TI REPORT OF AD HOC TASK FORCE ON INDOOR AIR POLLUTION.
- AU DUDNEY, C. S.; WALSH, P. J.
- TI HEALTH ASPECTS RELATED TO INDOOR AIR QUALITY: REPORT ON A WHO WORKING GROUP, BILTHOVEN, 3-6 APRIL 1979.
- OR WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH ASPECTS RELATED TO INDOOR AIR QUALITY.
- TI COMBUSTION-GENERATED INDOOR AIR POLLUTION.
- AU HOLLOWELL, CRAIG D.; TRAYNOR, G. W.
- TI A NOTE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUTDOOR AND INDOOR EXPOSURE INTEGRALS FOR AIR POLLUTION OF OUTDOOR ORIGIN.
- AU GJOERUP, H.L.; ROED, JOERN.
 - (b) additional references containing the words indoor, air, and quality in the title or keyword sections (list not complete)
- TI COMPUTING TRANSIENT INDOOR AIR QUALITY
- AU ALLWINE, K.J.; OWCZARSKI, P.C.
- TI INFILTRATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN A SAMPLE OF PASSIVE-SOLAR AND SUPER-INSULATED HOUSES
- AU WAGNER, BARBARA S.; ROSENFELD, ARTHUR H.
- TI RESIDENTIAL AIR-LEAKAGE AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN ROCHESTER, NY.
- AU OFFERMAN, F. J.
- TI BUILDING VENTILATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY.
- AU HOLLOWELL, C. D.
- TI ENERGY EFFICIENT DOMESTIC VENTILATION SYSTEMS FOR ACHIEVING ACCEPTABLE INDOOR AIR QUALITY: 3RD AIC CONFERENCE: (HELD AT THE PARK COURT HOTEL, LONDON, U.K., 20-23 SEPTEMBER 1982): PROCEEDINGS.
- TI ENERGY EFFICIENT DOMESTIC VENTILATION SYSTEMS FOR ACHIEVING ACCEPTABLE INDOOR AIR QUALITY: 3RD AIC CONFERENCE: (HELD AT THE PARK COURT HOTEL, LONDON, U.K., 20-23 SEPTEMBER 1982): SUPPLEMENT TO PROCEEDINGS.

2.3 Library Holdings in Indoor Air Quality (continued)

- TI VENTILATION FOR ACCEPTABLE INDOOR AIR QUALITY
- TI PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION, AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY
- AU WHITE, ANTHONY G.
- TI FIND AND FIX THE LEAKS: A GUIDE TO AIR INFILTRATION REDUCTION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY CONTROL.
- TI COMPARISON OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY.
- AU MOSCHANDREAS, D.J.; ZABRANSKY, J.; PELTON, D.J.
- TI SURVEY OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY HEALTH CRITERIA AND STANDARDS
- AU MCFADDEN, JAMES E., MOSCHANDREAS, DEMETRIOS J., BEARD, J. HOWARD
 - (c) Additional reference containing the words indoor and pollutant in title or keyword sections
- TI INDOOR POLLUTANTS
- OR NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, (U.S.), COMMITTEE ON INDOOR POLLUTANTS
 - (d) Additional reference containing the words pollutant or pollution and buildings in title or keyword sections
- TI ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS: A GUIDANCE DOCUMENT SAWYER, ROBERT N.; SPOONER, CHARLES M.
 - (e) Additional reference containing the words toxicology and dwellings in title or keyword sections
- TI CHEMICAL SUSCEPTIBILITY AND UREA-FORMALDEHYDE FOAM INSULATION AU SMALL, BRUCE
 - (f) Additional reference containing the words air, pollution and health in title or keyword sections
- TI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FACTORS IN FALLING ACCIDENTS
- AU SMALL, BRUCE
 - (g) Additional references containing the words indoor and air, but not pollution or quality (list not complete)
- TI FORMALDEHYDE INDOOR AIR STANDARDS IN SWEDEN
- AU WAHREN, HAKAN
- TI PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE SYMPOSIUM ON CLEANER INDOOR AIR PROGRESS & PROBLEMS AT THE ASHRAE FALL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 19-22, 1972, CINCINNATI.

The listing on the previous pages gives the core CISTI holdings (in early 1984) relating to the general topics of indoor air pollution, indoor air quality, and the health effects of same. As can be seen by the additional references, when slight variations in keywords are searched, there can be many more references, usually more specialized, which are also related to the general topic. Sometimes it is worth the time and expense to have an offline printing done of a larger, more inclusive listing (e.g. INDOOR and AIR, rather than INDOOR, AIR and POLLUTION or QUALITY), and to inspect it personally to select references of interest.

Familiarity with the various keywords and titles, in an area of interest, will often yield considerably more references than will be listed under general headings. For example, searching 'environmentally induced disease' also spills out a few additional references that might be relevant to a researcher's work on indoor air quality. This search yielded some 52 additional references, some, but not all of which, would be of interest. A few are listed below, to give a reader some idea of the titles and keywords that may be relevant to indoor air pollution problems.

- TI ENVIRONMENTAL CARCINOGENS, POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS: CHEMISTRY, OCCURRENCE, BIOCHEMISTRY, CARCINOGENICITY.
- AU GRIMMER, GERNOT
- KE HYDROCARBONS TOXICOLOGY; AROMATIC COMPOUNDS ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS; CARCINOGENS ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS; ENVIRONMENTALLY INDUCED DISEASES GERMANY (WEST); POLYCYCLIC HYDROCARBONS; AIR POLLUTANTS; CARCINOGENS, ENVIRONMENTAL; EUROPE, WEST GERMANY.
- TI WHY YOUR HOUSE MAY ENDANGER YOUR HEALTH.
- AU ZAMM, ALFRED V.; GANNON, ROBERT
- KE HOUSING AND HEALTH; ENVIRONMENTALLY INDUCED DISEASES; DWELLINGS ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
- TI ANIMALS AS MONITORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS.
- OR NORTHEASTERN RESEARCH CENTER FOR WILDLIFE DISEASES. REGISTRY OF COMPARATIVE PATHOLOGY. INSTITUTE OF LABORATORY ANIMAL RESOURCES.
- KE POLLUTION PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECT CONGRESSES; ENVIRONMENTALLY INDUCED DISEASES ANIMAL MODELS CONGRESSES; WILDLIFE DISEASES CONGRESSES; VETERINARY PATHOLOGY CONGRESSES; INDICATORS (BIOLOGY) CONGRESSES
- TI POLLUTANTS AND HIGH RISK GROUPS: THE BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF INCREASED HUMAN SUSCEPTIBILITY TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL POLLUTANTS.
- AU CALABRESE, EDWARD J.,
- KE POLLUTION TOXICOLOGY; ENVIRONMENTALLY INDUCED DISEASES ETIOLOGY
- TI POLYCYCLIC HYDROCARBONS AND CANCER.
- AU GELBOIN, HARRY V.; TSO, PAUL ON PONG; ANDREWS, LARRY S.
- KE HYDROCARBONS TOXICOLOGY; CARCINOGENESIS; POLYCYCLIC COMPOUNDS TOXICOLOGY; ENVIRONMENTALLY INDUCED DISEASES; HYDROCARBONS POISONING; POLYCYCLIC COMPOUNDS POISONING; CARCINOGENS, ENVIRONMENTAL

Not all libraries will have the full selection of periodicals in which articles relating to indoor air quality have appeared. Subsequent sections will describe the procedure for ordering articles from the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI). The UNION computer database, described more fully in a later section, can also be used for determining, when needed, the periodical holdings of libraries across the country.

The following is an example of a listing for the journal 'Environmental Research' in the UNION data base:

RE - 662311

NU - LC 76000118; ISSN 0013-9351

TI - ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH.

AD - ENVIRON. RES. (NEW YORK).

DA - V. 1- JUNE 1967-; BIMONTHLY

PU - NEW YORK, ACADEMIC PRESS.; V.; (XNYU)

NO - "AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES" (VARIES).

LA - ENG

HO - ACU 1- AEU 2- AEUB 4-

BVAM (1)- BVAS 4- BVAU 1- BVAUW 1- BVIV 1-

MPW 1-3 MWFW 1- MWM 1- MWU 1-

NBFU 1-26

NFSM 1-

NSHDM 1- NSHF 1- NSWA 7-

OBUC 15- OCKA 1- OHM 7- OHMB 6- OKQ 1- OKQH 1- OLU 1-

OLUM 2- OOAG 1- OOCC V.1- 1967- OOFF 1- OOFI NHG OON 1-

OONH 1-10 OONHBR 5-8,15- OONHH 1- OOUM 1- OSTCB (4) OTDL 1-

OTDR 1- OTF 4- OTH 3- OTM 6- OTMCL (3-4),9- OTR 1-5,8 OTRM (4)-

OTU 1- OTY 1- OWTU 1- QLACS 18-21 QMAC 1- QMMM 1- QMU 1-

QMUM 1-14 QMUP 1- QMUQ 1- QQLAS 1(2)- QQUIE 1- SRU (4) SSUM 2-

The codes shown above under 'HO' (Library Holdings) indicate the libraries which hold copies of Environmental Research, and the volume numbers of the journal which are held. Libraries offering search services have a full translation of the library codes.

2.4 Bibliographies, Update Services and Newsletters

There are a number of ways, other than computer searching, that persons in Canada can learn of new papers, articles, or activities in the field of indoor air quality. Several are discussed below. Readers are invited to suggest additional sources.

Peer Contact

Nothing can beat a phone call or meeting with others working in the field, to trade ideas and new references. Part 1 of this report lists research activities undertaken, and technical services available, in Canada, in the field of indoor air quality analysis (with emphasis on residential situations). Telephone numbers and addresses are provided to make contact easy. Readers are invited to suggest additional listings that could be included in subsequent editions of this report.

Published Texts and Reports

Many published reports and texts contain extensive bibliographies, and can be used as a starting point for reviewing available information. Three such texts, that may be more commonly available than others in Canadian university and public libraries, include texts by Wadden and Scheff (1983) and Meyer (1983), as well as CMHC's summary report 'Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology' (1983).

Proceedings of a 1981 International Symposium in Amherst, Massachusetts, a 1981 National Research Council (U.S.) report, and Proceedings of an August 1984 International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate held in Stockholm, Sweden, also contain references to a wide variety of issues in indoor air quality, but may take longer to obtain by interlibrary loan, since there are fewer copies available in Canada. The bibliographic detail for these references is given below.

Wadden, R. A. and Scheff, P.A., 1983. "Indoor Air Pollution: Characterization, Prediction and Control". J. Wiley and Sons, New York.

Meyer, C. Beat, 1983. "Indoor Air Quality". Addison-Wesley, Reading, Mass.

Small, Bruce M., 1983. "Indoor Air Pollution and Housing Technology" For Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Available from Technology and Health Foundation, R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ontario LOC 1A0.

Spengler, J., Hollowell, C., Moschandreas, D. and Fanger, O., eds., 1982. "Proceedings of the International Symposium on Indoor Air Pollution, Health and Energy Conservation, Amherst, MA, October 1981". Environment International, Vol. 8, No. 1-6 (Special Issue on Indoor Air Pollution)

National Research Council, (U.S.), Committee on Indoor Pollutants, 1981. "Indoor Pollutants". National Academy Press, Washington, D.C.

Berglund, B., Lindvall, T., and Sundell, J., editors, 1984. "Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Indoor Air Quality and Climate, Stockholm, Sweden, August 20-24, 1984". Swedish Council for Building Research, Stockholm.

Air Infiltration Review and Additions to AIRBASE

The International Energy Agency's Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre (AIVC), in Berkshire, England, presently produces a variety of publications which include information on indoor air quality, including a quarterly newsletter (Air Infiltration and Ventilation Review) and an update listing for AIRBASE, the Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre's comprehensive library on the subject.

Air Infiltration and Ventilation Review includes brief articles on air infiltration and related research, announcements of conferences, and recent additions to the Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre Library. The AIVC sponsored a special conference on 'Energy Efficient Domestic Ventilation Systems for Achieving Acceptable Indoor Air Quality', in September 1982.

Computer searches in AIRBASE may be requested, and AIVC will fill photocopy requests for material listed. AIRBASE searches, subscription information and other publications may be requested by telex (848288 BSRIAC G), by telephone (+44 344 53123), or by mail to:

Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre Old Bracknell Lane West Bracknell Berkshire RG12 4AH Great Britain

Indoor Air Quality Research Notes

Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory staff, in Berkeley, California, have begun to publish a bimonthly newsletter entitled 'Indoor Air Quality Research Notes', for the indoor air research community. A pilot issue was sent out to a select mailing list in the summer of 1983, and Volume 1, No. 1 was prepared in the fall of 1983.

The newsletter is intended to keep subscribers up to date on conferences and hearings, activities of ASHRAE working groups, newly published articles on indoor air quality, and other news of interest.

IAQ's pilot issue points out the need for this kind of publication, as a means of communication within the research community. The authors note that "the diversity of work in this area is so extreme, and the background of researchers so varied, that it is difficult to define an indoor air quality 'community' ".

The pilot issue (Vol. 1, No. 0, May/June 1983) contained a listing of approximately 60 new references, including texts and articles in various refereed journals, since the beginning of 1983.

The initial subscription rate is \$15/yr. For further subscription information and inquiries about LBL bibliographies, readers may write to:

IAQ Research Notes c/o Building Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Program Building 90 - Room 3058 Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory Berkeley, CA USA 94720

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is establishing a mailing list of persons interested in residential indoor air quality problems. Periodic mailings may be undertaken to announce the availability of background reports such as this, which may be used as resource documents.

Readers who have not already received a notice about the availability of this, and other CMHC research publications relating to indoor air quality, are invited to send their name and address to:

Indoor Air Quality c/o Research Division Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation National Office, Montreal Rd. Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7

Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health

This author is presently developing a computerized databank of reference information on indoor air quality issues, through the Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health, a recently incorporated Canadian charitable organization. Subject areas, of interest to readers, include indoor air quality, and diagnosis and treatment of environmentally related illness.

The goal of the Technology and Health Foundation is to address the gap between application and development of new technologies and the understanding of their effects, both positive and negative. Often there is a significant lag between proliferation of new devices and methods, and dissemination of information about their effects. In some cases, major problems have arisen during the period required to have scientific papers reviewed and published through the usual channels.

The Foundation's data collections will, therefore, include current information, such as conference announcements, abstracts of research underway, and names of research contacts, as well as bibliographic references such as texts and journal articles. The references themselves will not be confined to articles in refereed journals, in order to signal early warnings of problems that may not have been fully analyzed yet by the scientific community, despite their potential validity.

To provide a perspective on information contained in the Foundation's collections, reviewers will be invited to comment on issues covered, and to critique information filed in the collection. All such comments will, in turn, be filed in the collection, and will be tagged to that particular subject or reference. In this manner, data bank users will be alerted to the existence, nature, and extent of controversy, and the information service can, itself, provide a neutral forum for scientific debate.

The data collection is presently being gathered and entered onto computer media. Readers are invited to submit bibliographies, papers and other material for inclusion, and may place their name on the mailing list for further announcements by writing to:

Foundation for Independent Research on Technology and Health R.R.#1, Goodwood, Ontario Canada LOC 1A0

2.5 Using Major Canadian and U.S. Computer Data Base Systems

One of the quickest means of keeping up to date on the published literature in indoor air quality is to tap into major computer database systems, and to conduct searches for articles in your particular area of interest. A sample of results in the CISTI Catalogue Online data base (OON), from the CAN/OLE system in Ottawa, has been discussed in a previous section.

Computer data bases are commonly accessed by requesting searches through public, university, or government libraries, or through private information companies offering this service. Searching can also be done on computer terminals accessible directly to the researchers (after account arrangements are made with the system originator).

Major points of access, either through local libraries or by direct hookup, will be listed in sections 2.6 and 2.7 following, respectively. This section will describe the major data services available, and the databases within each, that may be of particular interest to those involved in the indoor air quality field in Canada.

Two major scientific database systems, readily available in Canada, are the CAN/OLE system and the MEDLARS system. Both are available by subscription through the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) in Ottawa. CAN/OLE is run by CISTI in Ottawa, and MEDLARS is run by the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. Canadian libraries, and other subscribers, access them through the Canadian DATAPAC telephone network.

CAN/SDI, the Canadian Service for the Selective Dissemination of Information, can also be used to obtain automatic updates (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) from many of the databases available on CAN/OLE and MEDLARS. Inquire (613)-993-1210 for further information about SDI's.

The CAN/OLE system has many different data bases, only some of which are relevant to the indoor air quality field. These are listed below, with some comment as to the number and types of references listed as of January 1984, that might be of interest to readers of this report.

BA69 / BA72 / BA79 (Biosis Previews)

The BA69, BA72, and BA79 databases provide worldwide coverage of literature in the life sciences. The databases include items concerned with the study of living things, their identification, processes, environment and applications. Over 85% of the references are from journals. The remainder are from reports, monographs, reviews, meetings, theses and conference proceedings. BA69 covers pre-1969, BA72 covers 1972-1978, and BA79 covers 1979 to the present.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 24 references listed for the years 1972-78, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Some, but not all, were relevant to this discussion. Examples are:

- TI CHARACTERIZATION OF POTENTIAL INDOOR SOURCES OF OZONE
- AU ALLEN R J; WADDEN R A; ROSS E D
- TI THE EFFECT OF CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING AND METEOROLOGIC FACTORS ON INDOOR SPORE COUNTS
- AU HIRSCH S R; HIRSCH D J; KALBFLEISCH J H
- TI GAS CHROMATOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION OF SOME INDOOR AIR POLLUTANTS USING CORRELATION EQUATIONS
- AU MUCHTAROVA M; DIMOV N

Another January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 116 references listed in BA79 (1979 to the present), which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Again, some, but not all, were relevant to this discussion. Examples are:

- TI CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN AN INFANT EXPOSED TO A KEROSINE HEATER
- AU O'SULLIVAN B P
- TI POLY CHLORO DI BENZO-P-DIOXINS IN COMMERCIAL PENTA CHLOROPHENOL USED IN WOOD PRESERVATION
- AU CULL M R; DOBBS A J; WILLIAMS N
- TI THE HEALTH RISKS OF PASSIVE SMOKING THE GROWING CASE FOR CONTROL MEASURES IN ENCLOSED ENVIRONMENTS
- AU LEFCOE N M; ASHLEY M J; PEDERSON L L; KEAYS J J

It is also very likely that these databases may have a considerable number of relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords.

CAC (Chemical Abstracts Condensates)
CAS77 / CAS82 (Chemical Abstracts Search)

The CAC, CAS77 and CAS82 databases cover all aspects of chemistry and chemical engineering. Journals, monographs, patents, proceedings of meetings and symposia, theses, technical reports and government publications are monitored for references to new findings about reactions, chemical substances, materials, techniques, procedures, theories and applications. Searching can be done using CAS Registry numbers and molecular names, as well as controlled vocabulary and natural language terms. CAC covers 1973-1976, CAS77 covers 1977-1981, and CAS82 covers 1982 to the present.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 15 references listed in CAC, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Some, but not all, were relevant to this discussion. Examples are:

- TI INDOOR AIR POLLUTION DUE TO CHIPBOARD USED AS A CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL
- AU ANDERSEN, IB; LUNDQVIST, G. R.; MOELHAVE, L.
- TI INDOOR AIR QUALITY
- AU WADE, WILLARD A. III; COTE, WILLIAM A.; YOCOM, JOHN E.
- TI EMISSIONS FROM COMBUSTION OF INDOOR DUST
- AU JOSHI, SATISH; WANNER, HANS U.
- TI RELATION BETWEEN OUTDOOR AND INDOOR AIR POLLUTION AU JOSHI, SATISH; WANNER, HANS U.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 234 references listed in CAS77, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Some, but not all, were relevant to this discussion. Examples are:

- TI COMBUSTION OF GAS-AIR MIXTURES IN BURNERS OF HOUSEHOLD GAS RANGES
- AU STASKEVICH, I. N.
- TI NITROGEN OXIDES IN COMBUSTION PRODUCTS OF GAS RANGES
- AU BENES, MILOS; ZAHOUREK, JIRI
- TI ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS IN INDOOR AIR AND THEIR RELATION TO OUTDOOR CONTAMINANTS
- AU JARKE, FRANK H.; DRAVNIEKS, ANDREW; GORDON, SYDNEY M.
- TI RELATING INDOOR POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS OF OZONE AND SULFUR DIOXIDE TO THOSE OUTSIDE: ECONOMIC REDUCTION OF INDOOR OZONE THROUGH SELECTIVE FILTRATION OF THE MAKE-UP AIR
- AU SHAIR, FREDRICK H.
- TI RADON AND ALDEHYDE CONCENTRATIONS IN THE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT
- AU MOSCHANDREAS, D. J.; RECTOR, H. E.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 169 references listed in CAS82, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Some, but not all, were relevant to this discussion. Examples are:

- TI AIR POLLUTANTS IN INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS
- AU TERKONDA, PURUSH K.; LIAW, SHU LIANG

TI - FORMALDEHYDE EMISSION FROM PARTICLEBOARD AND PLYWOOD PANELLING: MEASUREMENT, MECHANISM AND PRODUCT STANDARDS

AU - MYERS, GEORGE E.

It is also very likely that these databases may have a considerable number of relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords.

CODOC (Co-operative Documents Project)

The CODOC database contains the combined government publications holdings of 11 academic libraries in Ontario. Also included are research and technical reports issued by government agencies or sponsored by government grants.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 6 references listed in CODOC, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. All were relevant to this discussion. Examples are:

- TI HEALTH ASPECTS RELATED TO INDOOR AIR QUALITY REPORT ON A WHO WORKING GROUP: BILTHOVEN, 3-6 APRIL 1979.
- AU WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE.
- TI REPORT OF THE AD HOC TASK FORCE ON INDOOR AIR POLLUTION.
- OR U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY. OFFICE OF BUILDINGS AND COMMUNITY SYSTEMS.

It is also possible that this database may have relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords.

EI (COMPENDEX - Computerized Engineering Index)

The EI database covers all aspects of engineering including mining, chemical engineering, civil engineering, electronic engineering, industrial engineering and mechanical engineering. Reference to pure chemistry, physics, geology, theoretical mathematics, news items, patents, or material on new products, are excluded. Over 3,500 primary sources are covered: journals, reports and special publications of societies, research institutions, industry, government agencies and universities, theses, standards and monographs.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 131 references listed in EI, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. These included relevant references such as the following:

- TI THE EFFECTS OF PRESSURIZED AEROSOLS ON RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS AND PHYSIOLOGY
- AU LEBOWITZ, MICHAEL D.
- TI FORMALDEHYDE EMISSION FROM PARTICLEBOARD AND PLYWOOD PANELLING: MEASUREMENT, MECHANISM AND PRODUCT STANDARDS
- AU MYERS, GEORGE E.
- TI INDOOR HOUSE POLLUTION: APPLIANCE EMISSIONS AND INDOOR AMBIENT CONCENTRATIONS.
- AU CACERES, T.; SOTO, H.; LISSI, E.; CISTERNAS, R.
- TI SURVEY OF SELECTED ORGANICS IN OFFICE AIR.
- AU OTSON, REIN; DOYLE, EDWARD E.; WILLIAMS, DAVID T.; BOTHWELL, PETER D.

This database contains abstracts as well as other bibliographic information. An example from 'Indoor House Pollution' follows:

AB - EMISSION RATES FOR CO, NO, NO//2 AND CH//2O FROM SEVERAL GAS AND KEROSENE HEATERS FREQUENTLY EMPLOYED IN DOMESTIC HEATING HAVE BEEN MEASURED. THE INDOOR CONCENTRATIONS GENERATED BY THESE EMISSIONS ARE EVALUATED AND COMPARED TO THOSE DETERMINED IN TYPICAL HOUSES. IT IS FOUND THAT BOTH THE PREDICTED AND MEASURED VALUES EXCEED THE SHORT TERM AIR QUALITY STANDARDS ACCEPTED IN MOST COUNTRIES.

It is also possible that this database may have relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords.

EIM (Engineering Meetings)

The EIM database complements EI by providing in-depth coverage of 2,000 technical conferences held each year worldwide, and their contribution of 100,000 papers. The database includes references to each individual paper as well as the conference itself. The base covers July 1982 to the present.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 97 references listed in EIM, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. These included relevant references such as the following:

- TI WELL INSULATED AIRTIGHT BUILDINGS, ENERGY CONSUMPTION, INDOOR CLIMATE, VENTILATION AND AIR FILTRATION
- AU ELMROTH, ARNE; LOGDBERG, ARNE

TI - INDOOR NOX POLLUTION

AU - BOLEIJ, JAN S. M.; BRUNEKREEF, BERT; LEBRET, ERIK; BIERSTEKER, KLAAS

TI - MICROORGANISMS IN THE AIR - HEALTH HAZARD? AU - KUNDSIN, RUTH B.

It is also possible that this database may have relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords.

ELIAS (Environment Libraries Automated System)

The ELIAS database corresponds to the holdings of 15 libraries participating in the Environment Canada Departmental Library network; also included is a collection from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The collections include serials, monographs, conference proceedings and technical reports, covering from 1976 to the present.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed no references listed in ELIAS, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Two references with the word 'indoor' in the title dealt with indoor climate and might be of interest to some readers. It is also possible that this database may have relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords (e.g. 'nitrogen oxides', or 'carbon monoxide').

IEC (Directory of Federally Supported Research in Universities)

The IEC database is a compilation of Canadian university based research projects, as reported to the Information Exchange Centre at CISTI, by granting agencies of the federal government. Also included are contracts to Canadian universities, awarded by Supply and Services Canada, on behalf of various federal government departments. The base covers 1971/72 to the present.

MICROLOG

The MICROLOG database provides access to publications of Canadian federal, provincial and local governments, non-government research institutions, professional associations and special interest groups. The subject content of MICROLOG is multidisciplinary, including technical and annual reports, research studies, statistical reviews and financial statements. The base covers 1979 to the present.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed no references listed in MICROLOG, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. It is possible, however, that this database may have relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords (e.g. 'asbestos', or 'formaldehyde').

NTIS (National Technical Information Service U.S.)

The NTIS database covers U.S. government sponsored research, development and engineering reports and machine processable data files and related software. The reports originate from over 300 U.S. government departments and agencies, e.g. NASA, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. NTIS is a multidisciplinary database covering science, technology, education, economics, business and social and behavioural sciences. Most of the references are to research reports. The database also includes some government-sponsored translations, foreign language reports and information on U.S. government patents. The base covers 1964 to the present.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 857 references listed in NTIS, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Of these, 831 contained the words 'indoor', 'air', and 'pollution'.

A further more limited search revealed that 215 of the references, in the original 857, were dated 1983. Some, but not all of these, were relevant to our inquiry. Examples include the following:

- TI GUIDELINES FOR MONITORING INDOOR AIR QUALITY.
- AU NAGDA, NIREN L.; RECTOR, HARRY E.
- TI AIR POLLUTION IN HOMES 1: MEASUREMENTS OF CARBON MONOXIDE AND NITROGEN OXIDES IN THREE KITCHENS.
- AU STEVENSON, K. J.; APLING, A. J.; SULLIVAN, E. J.
- TI AIR POLLUTION IN HOMES 2: VALIDATION OF DIFFUSION TUBE MEASUREMENTS OF NITROGEN DIOXIDE.
- AU APLING, A. J.; STEVENSON, K. J.; GOLDSTEIN, B. D.; MELIA, R. J. W.; ATKINS, D. H. F.
- TI AIR POLLUTION IN HOMES 3: MEASURMENTS OF CARBON MONOXIDE AND NITROGEN OXIDES IN TWO LIVING ROOMS.
- AU STEVENSON, K. J.; APLING, A. J.; SULLIVAN, E. J.

This database also has a considerable number of relevant entries with more specialized titles and keywords.

OON (CISTI Catalogue Online)

The OON database contains records of conference proceedings, monographs and technical reports in science, technology and medicine, held by the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, (CISTI), Ottawa. The majority of records date from January 1978.

CISTI holdings relating to indoor air quality, as revealed by OON searching, have been discussed in a previous section of this report.

UNION (Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries)

The UNION database provides the locations of scientific serials held by over 250 Canadian libraries. The libraries are continually monitored for new and changed titles and changes in holdings.

The use of the UNION database, to find out which libraries hold copies of a desired periodical, has already been described in a previous section of this report.

The MEDLARS system (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) has a number of data bases that contain references which will be of interest to researchers in the indoor air quality field. These are listed below, with comments as to the number and types of references listed as of January 1984, that might be relevant.

MEDLINE (MEDLARS Online)

The MEDLINE database contains several million references to biomedical articles, from some 3,500 journals published in the U.S. and 70 other countries. This database is particularly relevant for searching clinical articles dealing with specific health effects of indoor pollutants.

TOXLINE (Toxicology Information Online)

TOXLINE is a collection of almost a million references, from 1974 to the present, on published human and animal toxicity studies, effects of environmental chemicals and pollutants, and adverse drug reactions. TOXLINE includes references taken from the following secondary sources: Biological Abstracts; Chemical Abstracts; International Pharmaceutical Abstracts; and Pesticides Abstracts.

A January 1984 search, by this author, revealed 679 references listed in TOXLINE, which have both the words 'indoor' and 'air' in title or keyword sections. Of these, 472 contained the words 'indoor', 'air', and 'pollution'. Some, but not all of this listing, were relevant to our inquiry. Examples include:

TI - Formaldehyde Release from Pressed-Wood Products.

AU - Matthews TG; Hawthorne AR; Daffron CR; Reed TJ; Corey MD

TI - Health Effects of Residential Wood-Fuel Use.

AU - Morris SC

TI - Technique for Determining Efficiency of Sorbents in Diffusion-Type Samplers.

AU - Palmes ED

TDB (Toxicology Data Bank)

TDB contains facts and data for over 2500 substances. Data includes human and animal toxicity values, pharmacodynamics and toxicology, environmental and manufacturing data as well as physical and chemical properties. Data are selected from standard textbooks, handbooks, manuals, etc., and are evaluated by a peer review group of scientists, before inclusion in the file.

RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

RTECS is a compilation prepared by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (U.S.). RTECS contains toxicity data for approximately 40,000 substances. Threshold Limit Values (TLVs, recommended standards in air, and aquatic toxicity data are also included in this file.

CHEMLINE (Chemical Dictionary On-Line)

CHEMLINE contains data and information for more than 460,000 chemical compounds, including CAS Registry Numbers, molecular formulas, and various nomenclature and structural fragments.

CATLINE (Catalog Online)

CATLINE contains over 200,000 references to books and serials, catalogued at the National Library of Medicine since 1965. CATLINE gives medical libraries immediate access to authoritative cataloguing information, and is also useful to other libraries for ordering books and journals, and for providing reference and interlibrary loan services.

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SERLINE (Serials Online)

SERLINE contains bibliographic information for over 34,000 serial titles held at the National Library of Medicine. SERLINE is used by libraries, to obtain information needed to order journals, and to refer interlibrary loan requests.

2.6 Libraries with Data Access Facilities

Most university libraries, and many public and government office libraries, have computer facilities for accessing major computerized databases in Canada and the United States.

A full listing of those Canadian centres offering search services to external clients, for CAN/OLE and MEDLARS, are given below. Consult CISTI, at the addresses given at the end of this section, for names of organizations in your area that will do searches for you.

In most cases, researchers requesting a search will communicate directly with the library search personnel, by telephone or in person, in order to discuss exactly what type of information is needed, appropriate search words that will be used, etc. Often such a search is more useful if the researcher comes in person and gives feedback during the actual search.

The Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) has some 655 Centres accessing the CAN/OLE computer system, as of December 1983. Not all of these offer services external to their particular organizations.

Some 71 centres provide search services, via MEDLARS (National Library of Medicine, U.S.), that are accessible to some or all of the readers of this report, as of August 1983. Many of these centres will also be able to search in CAN/OLE data bases, as well. These include 34 academic centres (universities and colleges), 9 government centres (libraries or other departments), 19 hospital centres, and 9 centres in industry (companies, associations or individuals). The majority are in Ontario (30) and Quebec (20). All other provinces are represented except Prince Edward Island. The complete list is given, by Province, in the pages following.

Alberta

Calgary: University of Calgary, Medical Library

(403)-284-6857

(restricted to southern Alberta physicians, U. of Calgary staff & students only)

Edmonton: Alberta Research Council, Industrial Information

(403)-438-0666

University of Alberta, Health Sciences Library

(403)-432-3791

British Columbia

Burnaby: Simon Fraser University, Library, Sciences Division

(604)-291-3269 or 291-4173

Port Coquitlam: Riverview Hospital

(604)-521-1911, Loc. 521

Vancouver: Cancer Control Agency of B.C., Library

(604)-873-6212

Children's Hospital (604)-875-2154

St. Paul's Hospital (604)-682-2344

U.B.C. Computerized Bibliographic Services

(604)-228-2473 or 228-4440

U.B.C. Biomedical Branch Library

(604)-875-4505

Victoria: Royal Jubilee Hospital, VMS/RJH Library

(604)-595-9723

University of Victoria, Library, Reference Division

(604)-721-8276

(restricted to university users only)

Manitoba

Winnipeg: University of Manitoba, Reference, E. Dafoe Library

(204)-474-9844 or 474-9871

University of Manitoba, Medical Library

(204)-786-4342

New Brunswick

Fredericton:

University of New Brunswick, Science Library

(506)-453-3566 or 453-3567

Newfoundland

St. John's:

Memorial University, Health Sciences Library

(709)-722-4343

(restricted to people in Newfoundland)

Nova Scotia

Halifax:

Dalhousie University, Kellogg Health Sciences Library

(902)-424-2483

(restricted to registered health professionals in

the Maritimes only)

Wolfville:

Acadia University, Library

(902)-542-2201, ext. 248

<u>Ontario</u>

Chatham:

Ontario Centre for Farm Machinery and Food

Processing Technology, Information Services

(519)-354-6883

Guelph:

University of Guelph, Information Services

(519)-824-4120, ext. 3794 or 3861

Hamilton:

McMaster University, Health Sciences Library

(416)-525-9140

(restricted to health professionals)

Kingston:

Queen's University, Bracken Library

(613)-547-5753

(restricted to health professionals, university

staff and students)

London:

University of Western Ontario, Natural Sciences Ctr.

(519)-679-3008 or 679-6174

Victoria Hospital Corp.

(519)-432-5241

Ottawa:

Canadian Dental Association

(613)-523-1770

Canadian Pharmaceutical Association

(613)-523-7877

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Med. Library

(613)-737-2206

(restricted to hospital libraries and

health care institutions)

CISTI, Health Science Resource Centre

ICIST, Centre Bibliographique des sciences et de

la santé

(613)-993-1604

Ontario Cancer Foundation, Beattie Library

(613)-725-6363

(restricted to cancer-related subjects)

Ottawa Civic Hospital, Health Sciences Library

(613)-725-4450

University of Ottawa, Health Sciences Library

(613)-737-6432

University of Ottawa, Vanier Library

(613)-231-3942

Owen Sound:

General and Marine Hospital, Health Sci. Library

(519)-376-2121, ext. 373

Thunder Bay:

Lakehead University, Paterson Library

(807) - 345 - 2121

Toronto:

Metropolitan Toronto Library, Metroline Search Service

(416)-928-5349

Mississauga Hospital

(416)-279-7330 (Mississauga)

Ontario Hospital Association, Library

(416)-429-2661

(restricted to health personnel only)

Ontario Research Foundation, Library (416)-822-4111, ext. 268 (Mississauga)

Sunnybrook Medical Centre, University of Toronto

(416)-486-3880

(restricted to health care professionals & associates)

University of Toronto, Dentistry Library

(416)-978-2796

University of Toronto, Occupational and Environ-

mental Health (416)-978-4522

University of Toronto, Science and Medicine Library

(416)-978-8617 or 978-8619

York University, Steacie Science Library

(416)-667-3927

Waterloo:

University of Waterloo, E.M.S. Library

(519)-885-1211, ext. 2648

Windsor:

Hotel Dieu Hospital of St. Joseph

(519)-973-4444, ext. 178

University of Windsor, Reference Dept., Leddy Library

(519)-253-4232, ext. 661

Quebec

Chicoutimi:

University du Québec a Chicoutimi, Bibliothèque

(418)-545-5338

Dorval:

Sandoz Canada Ltd.

(514)-631-6775

Kirkland:

Burroughs Wellcome, Inc.

(514)-366-9211, ext 284

(restricted to physicians and pharmacists)

Laval:

Université du Québec, Institut Armand-Frappier,

Bibliotheque (514)-687-5010

Montreal:

Centre hospitalier Maisonneuve-Rosemont

(514)-254-8341, poste 334

Commission de la santé et de la securité du travail

(514)-873-3160

(offert seulement aux intervenants en santé et

securité du travail)

Hôpital Ste-Justine, Centre d'information sur la

santé de l'enfant (514)-731-4931, poste 333

Hotel-Dieu de Montréal, Service de Documentation (514)-842-1481, poste 275

Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal (514)-842-1481, poste 275

McGill University, Medical Library (514)-392-5375

Montreal Children's Hospital, Medical Library (514)-937-8511, ext 374

Montreal General Hospital, Medical Library (514)-937-6011, ext. 775

Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital Medical Library (514)-342-3111, ext. 325

Université de Montréal, Bibliothèque de la santé (514)-343-5964 or 343-6826

Université de Montreal, Bibliothèque Para-Medicale (514)-343-7490

Pointe Claire:

Merck Frosst Canada Inc.

(514)-695-7920, ext. 463 or 466

(restricted to research personnel, pharmaceutical,

chemical, medical)

Quebec:

Université Laval, Bibliothèque scientifique

(418)-656-3969

(restricted to health professionals, CLSC, health

organizations)

Sherbrooke:

Université de Sherbrooke, Bibliothèque medicale

Centre hospitalier universitaire (819)-565-2098 or 565-2096

Trois Rivieres:

Université du Quebec a Trois-Rivieres, Bibliothèque

(819)-376-5706

Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Provincial Library, Professional Services Regina:

(306)-565-2984, ext. 1516

University of Saskatchewan, Health Sciences Library Saskatoon:

(306)-343-3168

University of Saskatchewan Library, Online Services (306)-343-4285

2.7 Direct Access to Computer Databases

Choosing the means of access to computer search services involves striking a compromise between search skills (i.e. those of the librarian) and subject familiarity (i.e. that of you, the indoor air quality researcher). A period of training, or practice, is usually required to develop good search skills.

Researchers who wish to establish direct communication with the data services described above (CAN/OLE - CISTI and MEDLARS - NLM) may do so with most computer terminals or microcomputers, combined with a modem, which enables communication with the central computer by telephone, and a hard copy printer, to permanently record the transmitted search. Offline print requests can also be made, and the resulting searches received by mail, after being printed on high-speed printers at the data centre.

Direct telephone lines, provided through the Canadian DATAPAC system, allow easy connection from major urban centres, without long distance charges. Researchers in other centres will incur long distance charges, to the nearest urban centre where DATAPAC is available.

The following centres, listed by province, presently have DATAPAC access:

Alberta	Calgary Edmonton Fort McMurray Grande Prairie	Lethbridge Medicine Hat Red Deer
British Columbia	Kamloops Kelowna Nelson Prince George	Terrace Vancouver Victoria
Manitoba	Brandon Thompson	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	Bathurst Fredericton	Moncton Saint John
Nova Scotia	Amherst Bridgewater Halifax Kentville	New Glasgow Sydney Truro
Newfoundland	St. John's	

Barrie Niagara Falls Ontario Belleville North Bay

Oshawa Brampton Brantford Ottawa

Brockville Peterborough Chatham St. Catharines

Clarkson Sarnia

Cornwall Sault-Ste-Marie

Galt/Cambridge Sudbury Guelph Thunder Bay Hamilton Toronto Kingston Windsor Kitchener-Waterloo Woodstock

London

Prince Edward Island Charlottetown

Québec St-Hyacinthe Granby

Joliette St. Jean Jonquiere/Chicoutimi Sherbrooke Montréal **Trois-Rivieres** Québec Valleyfield

Moose Jaw Saskatchewan Regina Prince Albert Saskatoon

For further information about connecting directly to CAN/OLE or MEDLARS through the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI), contact:

For CAN/OLE: Bonnie M. Bullock, Head

Client Services CAN/OLE CAN/SDI Canada Institute for Scientific and

Technical Information

National Research Council of Canada

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S2

Telepho (613)-993-1210 053-3115 **ENVOY 1 CISTI.CLIENT.SERV**

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For MEDLARS:

Marilyn E. Schafer, Head Health Sciences Resource Centre Canada Institute for Scientific and

Technical Information

National Research Council of Canada

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S2

Telepho (613)-993-1604 053-3115 ENVOY 1 CISTI.HSRC CAN/O OLE03XM

2.8 Getting Hard Copy of Desired Articles

There are a number of ways to obtain hard copies of the references discovered in bibliographic listings, or on-line computer searches:

- a) order reprints or copies from the publisher (e.g. of texts);
- b) obtain texts or journals by interlibrary loan;
- c) obtain a photocopy, either directly from the original, through a library reference service, or by on-line ordering; and/or
- d) obtain copies of microfiche where available, either from the publisher/distributor, or by on-line ordering.

The key to obtaining hard-copy references, by any of the above methods, is having as complete a bibliographic reference as possible to identify the material you seek. Most of the referenced databases have on-line ordering commands, which allow you, or your librarian, to place an immediate order for hard copy, at the same time as a computer search is performed.

Many libraries in Canada have interlibrary loan policies, which allow readers to place an order for material that is not held in his or her local library, but which is resident somewhere in the system to which the local librarian has access. For example, material held in CISTI may be obtained at a local library, through an interlibrary loan.

The Document Delivery Service of CISTI responds to the information needs of libraries and information centres in government, universities, industry and private concerns, as well as to those of individuals across Canada, by supplying loans or photocopies of materials from its library. Duplicate copies of microfiche, and hardcopy reproduction from microfiche, are also supplied. CISTI also identifies local or national locations for a required item.

Copies of material, for which a full bibliographic record has not been obtained, may be obtained by giving as much information as possible, either to your local librarian or directly to the information service of CISTI. If original information proves to be inaccurate or incomplete, or if the item desired cannot be located readily, a bibliographic search is carried out, to try to ensure that the requester receives the needed information. This service is extended especially to those with limited or no library service.

If a translated version of a foreign language document is preferred, the files of the Translations Index are available, to determine if such exists. This Index provides international coverage of available translations.

If no location can be found, and if the publication requested falls within the area of science and technology, an effort may be made to secure it for the CISTI library.

2.8 Getting Hard Copy of Desired Articles (continued)

CISTI will process requests through on-line ordering (e.g. CAN/OLE), mail, telex or telephone requests.

Enquire:

Interlibrary Loans and Photocopies Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information National Research Council of Canada Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S2

Telepho (613)-993-1585 Tel 053-3115

ENVOY 100: ILL.CISTI (for enquiries)

COMPOSE.CISTI (for placing orders)

CAN/O OLS001

2.9 Accessing Other Computer Data Bases

Some libraries and private search companies may have direct access to additional computer base listings, both in North America and elsewhere. The listing in section 2.5 above covers only those databases accessible through CAN/OLE (Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) in Ottawa), or MEDLARS (National Library of Medicine (U.S.) in Bethesda, Maryland).

Other sources, which may be helpful for indoor air quality researchers, include the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety in Hamilton:

Bonnie Bird
Manager, Readers' Services
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health
and Safety
250 Main St. East
Hamilton, Ontario L8N 1H6
(416)-527-6590
Telex: 061-8532

Some researchers have also found the DIALOG data base system useful, particularly for regular automatic updates:

DIALOG Services 3460 Hillview Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94304 (415)-858-3810

Canadian contact:

Ulla Destricker Micromedia Limited 144 Front St. W. Toronto, Ontario M5J 2L7 (416)-593-5211 ext. 233 1-800-387-2689

Readers wishing further information, on other Canadian databases, may consult the Directory of Canadian Scientific and Technical Databases, published by the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (NRC No. 23071, 1984; \$10.00; CISTI, Ottawa K1A 0R6).

Information on a number of European databases was provided, to this author, by Lois Warren of L. M. Warren, Inc., Programmed Library and Information Services, one such source for searches of computer data bases:

HSELINE-47

Produced by the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE), to provide access to references on different aspects of health and safety at work. The source material consists of documents acquired and produced by HSE, and includes report literature, relevant legislation, monographs and conference proceedings. Some 250 periodicals are scanned for relevant entries. Documents can be ordered online.

CIS

Produced by the International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre of the International Labour Organization. The database, in general, covers worldwide literature on occupational safety and health. It is available through the QUESTEL computer system in France (and the Centre for Occupational Health and Safety in Canada - see above).

URBAMET

Available through the QUESTEL computer system in France. Contains scientific, technical, economical and legal information related to town planning, environment and transport, including housing and architecture.

CECILE

Produced by the Centre de Création Industrielle, Centre Georges Pompidou, available through the QUESTEL computer system in France. This database covers industrial design, visual planning, space planning and architectural practice.

ACOMPLINE

Produced by the Greater London Council Research Library, United Kingdom, as an extended version of the monthly printed abstract bulletin "Urban Abstracts". ACOMPLINE contains documentation needed by engineers, scientists and sociologists involved in urban matters. References are predominantly of British origin, but also include material from other European countries and from North America. Subject coverage includes housing design and construction, improvement and renewal, energy in housing, environmental health, and numerous other categories.

For further information, on accessing these and other such data bases, readers are invited to contact:

Lois Warren
L. M. Warren, Inc.
Programmed Library and Information Services
2000 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2G2
Tel: (604)-734-0755

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