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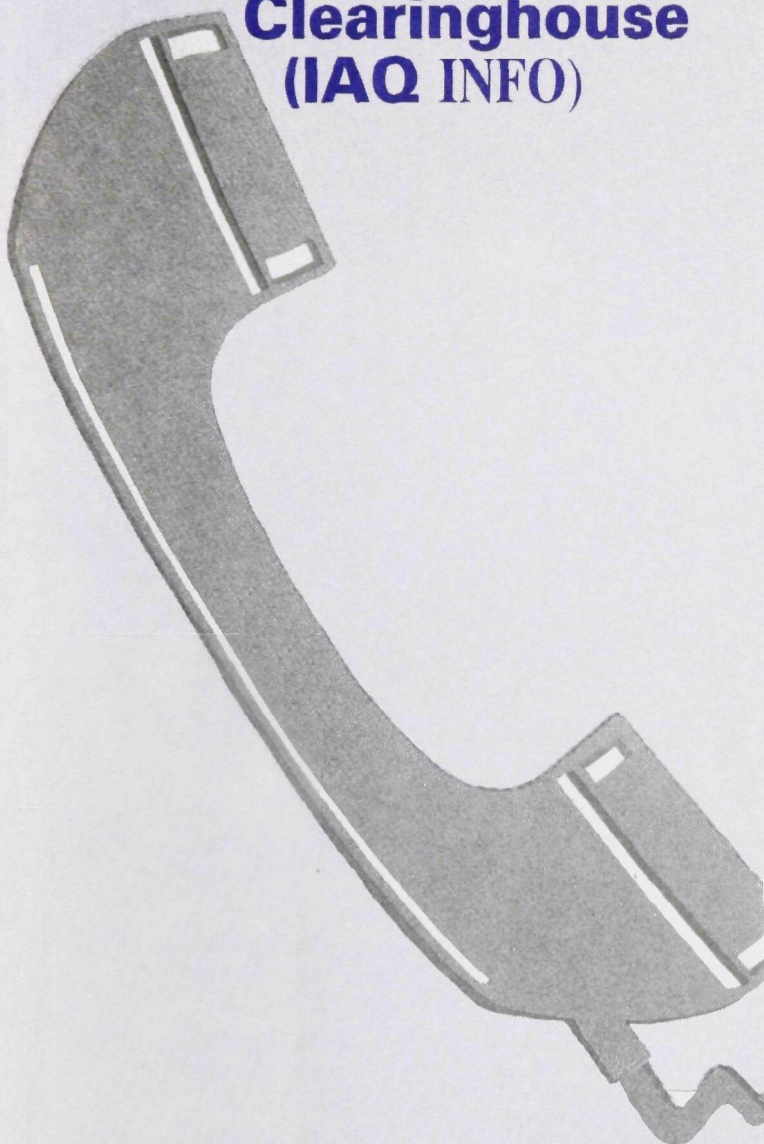
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# **The Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse (IAQ INFO)**



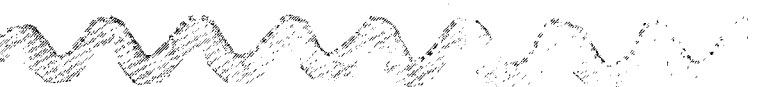
## **Why** be concerned about indoor air pollution?

Today, most Americans spend as much as 90% of their time indoors — inside their homes and schools, in office buildings, stores, and other spaces. Because of the ways we construct and operate our buildings, and the materials we use inside, the air indoors can contain higher levels of some air pollutants than the air outdoors.

Many indoor air problems can be easily prevented, or fixed once the problem is recognized. EPA believes that providing easy access to information about indoor air pollution sources and solutions will help lower people's exposure to indoor pollutants that may jeopardize their health.

## **What** is the Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse (IAQ INFO)?

The **IAQ INFO** is an easily accessible, central source of information on indoor air quality, created and supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As concern about air pollution indoors has grown, so has the amount of information on this subject; but getting current, useful information can be a challenging task. The purpose of the **IAQ INFO** is to help you locate information to answer your questions about indoor air pollution.



# What kind of information is available from **IAQ INFO**?

**IAQ INFO** can provide information on many aspects of indoor air quality:

- ◆ Indoor air pollutants and their sources;
- ◆ Health effects of indoor air pollution;
- ◆ Testing and measuring indoor air pollutants;
- ◆ Controlling indoor air pollutants;
- ◆ Constructing and maintaining homes and buildings to minimize indoor air quality problems;
- ◆ Existing standards and guidelines related to indoor air quality; and
- ◆ General information on Federal and State legislation.

An **IAQ INFO** information specialist can quickly put you in touch with a wide variety of indoor air quality information resources. The **IAQ INFO** contains:

- ◆ Citations and abstracts on more than 2,000 books, reports, newsletters, and journal articles;
- ◆ An inventory of publications prepared by the Federal government, including fact sheets, pamphlets, directories, training materials, reports; and
- ◆ Information on more than 150 government, research, public interest, and private sector organizations in the indoor air quality field.

## **What** kind of assistance will I receive from **IAQ INFO**?

An **IAQ INFO** information specialist will handle your inquiries in one or more of the following ways:

- ◆ Answer many of your questions on the telephone.
- ◆ Mail Federal government publications from the inventory to you — most are free of charge. A list of EPA Indoor Air Division publications is available from **IAQ INFO**;
- ◆ Refer you to appropriate government agencies, research, public interest, and private sector organizations; and
- ◆ Provide you with a bibliography on a topic for further reference.

## **About** **IAQ INFO**:

**IAQ INFO** is funded by the Indoor Air Division, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA. The mission of EPA's indoor air program is to reduce the threat to human health posed by indoor air pollution. EPA works to accomplish this by conducting research on indoor air pollution and control measures, devising risk management approaches, and communicating what is known about indoor air problems and solutions.

# **How** do I contact **IAQ INFO**?

You may call our toll-free number to speak to an information specialist, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. After hours, you may leave a voice message, or you may inquire by fax or mail anytime.

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