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Thanks Rick, I think that the report gave us what we were looking for. Changing air via external venting is effective in reducing the formaldehyde levels. I was surprised at the total ineffectiveness of vent fans in conjunction with the air conditioning since the same would be true for heating but this gives us the data to modify our instructions to our tenants to use occasional external venting via window or door to exchange air. I understand that IA program management is looking at adding formaldehyde specification to new equipment purchases but am not aware of the levels that they are looking at (the California standard would be the most published).

For our own employees in staging and unit make ready, the data for initial venting is very important to implement into our staging, receiving and unit make ready guidelines.

I am a little concerned that the CDC hung on the sensitivity level for those most sensitive to formaldehyde since that is a very, very small portion of the populous and if we seriously took it into consideration then we would leave a lot of people sleeping in their cars or on park benches when we could easily re-accommodate the special needs. But we never intended to find a risk standard only validate formaldehyde levels and effective mitigation measures.

We in IA need to ensure that our lease-in documentation includes formaldehyde facts and mitigation measures and instructions for where to call if there are sensitivities we need to accommodate. Possibly this is something that could be funded in the Gulf since there are tens of thousands of trailers still there.

From litigation I cannot speak but the tests verified most of what the manufacturers told us and we just need to tighten up a little and be more specific on the mitigation and closed unit information since we know that the air does not recirculate and there is probably not enough air exchange in heat to cause an effect without extra venting.

I am willing to discuss this whenever you are ready. Take care

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