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## **EHS-ALASKA NOTES**

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### **INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)**

EHS-Alaska provides indoor air quality surveys, pollutant source identification, and work site remediation.

**What causes IAQ complaints?** The National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) has investigated numerous IAQ complaints. The primary causative agents were:

- ⇒ inadequate ventilation
- ⇒ microbial contamination
- ⇒ pollutants from the building materials
- ⇒ contamination from outside the building
- ⇒ chemical contaminants from indoor sources

Interested in more information? Call us for your complimentary copy of *Is Air Quality a Problem in My Home* and *Do I Work in a Sick Building?*

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### **Blame it on El Niño**

Employee complaints regarding workplace indoor air quality are soaring. Why? Wet, mild, weather across the country and an unusually severe allergy season.

**We suggest** that workers complaining about indoor air quality should first see their doctors, as these symptoms may be allergic reactions. If complaints continue, call EHS-Alaska to perform an indoor air quality survey of your building or office space. Let your employees know the results of our survey.

- ⇒ If the survey shows poor IAQ, identify the source and remediate.
- ⇒ If the survey shows good IAQ, complaints typically end.

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### **Tales from the Project Files at EHS-Alaska . . .**

The indoor air quality experts at EHS-Alaska received an emergency call from a semi-prominent State of Alaska office. People are getting sick. There is a strange odor. The office is

closed until further notice.  
**Help!**

**In** goes our highly trained and very efficient Senior Industrial Hygienist. Using

her full range of scientific training and technical knowledge she conducts her investigation. After an exhaustive search, she spots the offending source.

**Out comes truth** from  
behind a desk, deep in the dark  
recesses where no people go.

Her search bares fruit. She  
saves the day and restores the  
function of government.

**Thus endeth** the Case of  
the Moldy Orange.

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