Healthy Indoor Environments

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HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: ABSENCE OF IAQ PROBLEMS

IAQ PROBLEMS ARISE WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG! EITHER INADEQUATE VENTILATION, PRESENCE OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, OR BOTH

HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: ADEQUACY OF VENTILATION

IF THE HVAC SYSTEM ISN'T PERFORMING AS INTENDED, YOU COULD BE UNDERVENTILATING IN PARTS OF YOUR BUILDING, AND JEOPARDIZING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE WORKERS THERE. HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: ADEQUACY OF VENTILATION

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> HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: OPERATIONAL FEEDBACK ON PERFORMANCE

MONITORING

 LEED IEQ CREDIT #1:
PERMANENT CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) MONITORING SYSTEM.

HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: LEED IEQ CREDIT 1

 Intent: Provide capacity for indoor air quality (IAQ) monitoring to help sustain long-term occupant comfort and well-being.
Requirements: Install a permanent carbon dioxide (CO₂) monitoring system that provides operational adjustments.

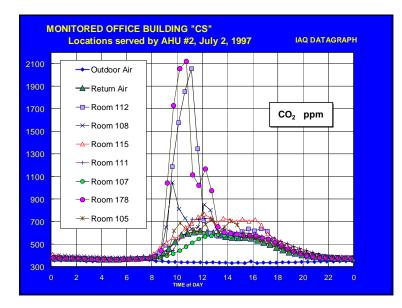
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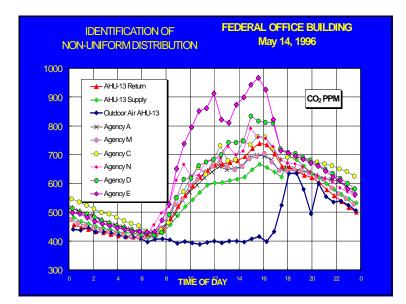
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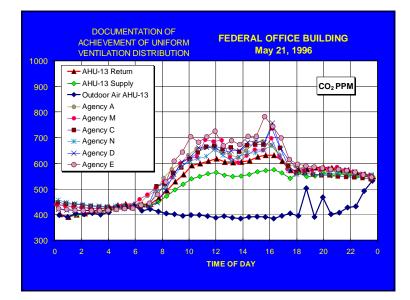
ASTM D 6245-98 Standard Guide for Using Indoor Carbon Dioxide Concentrations to Evaluate Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: OPERATIONAL FEEDBACK ON PERFORMANCE

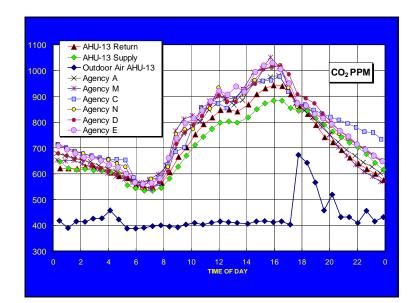
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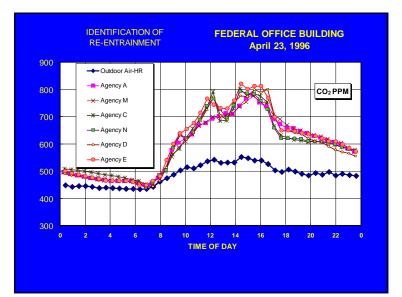
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
APPLIED TO THE OPERATION OF
THE BUILDING AND ITS HVAC
SYSTEMS.



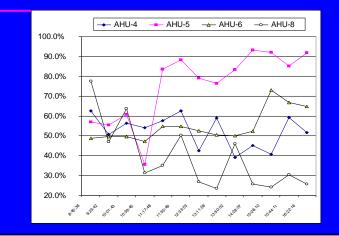








OUTDOOR AIR PERCENTAGES



HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: OPERATIONAL FEEDBACK ON PERFORMANCE

MONITORING CAN BE USED FOR DIAGNOSTICS, CONTROL, OR BOTH

HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: MONITORING COSTS

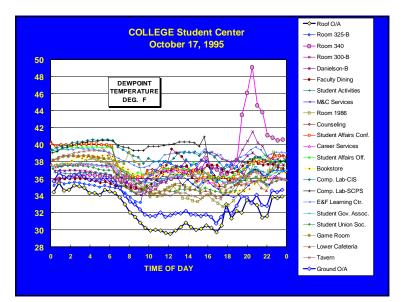
AS MENTIONED BEFORE, PRODUCTIVITY GAINS CAN EXCEED ENERGY COSTS WITH INCREASED VENTILATION. IN ONE INSTALLATION, MONITORING COST \$0.20/SF IN 250,000 SF BUILDING

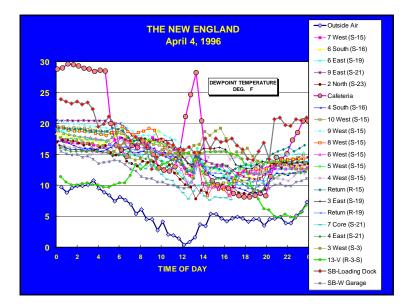
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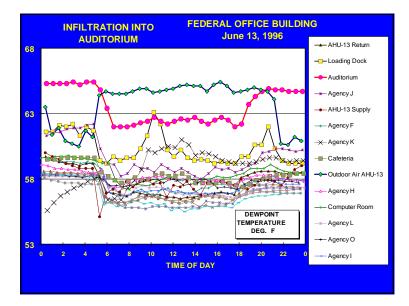
PARTICULATES VOCs MOLD (MOISTURE) CARBON MONOXIDE

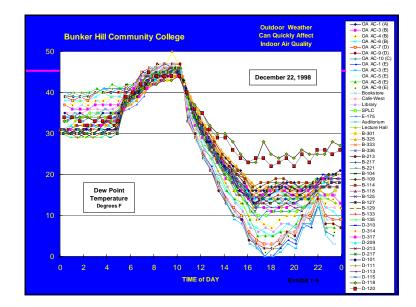
HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT: POTENTIAL FOR MOLDS

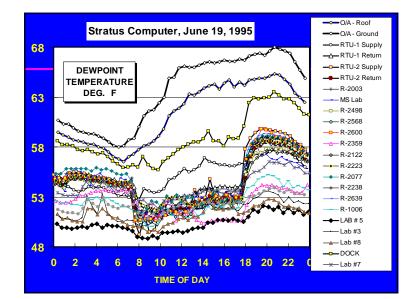
LIMITING FACTOR IN THE GROWTH OF MOLDS INDOORS IS MOISTURE







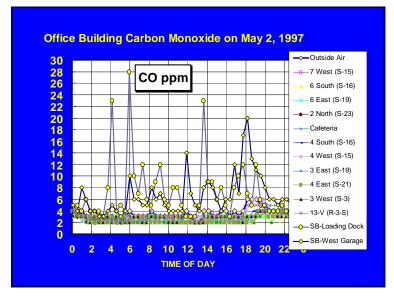


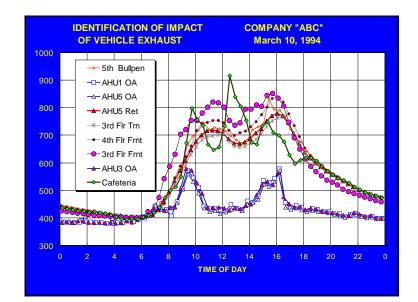


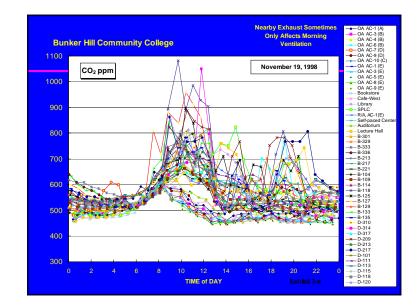
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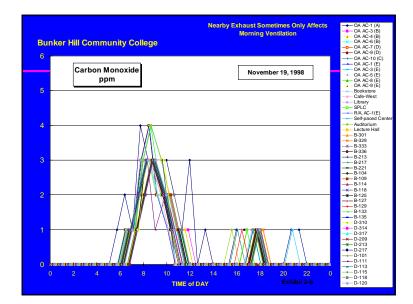
CARBON MONOXIDE

FROM LOWER LEVEL PARKING AREAS, LOADING DOCKS, OR NEARBY TRAFFIC









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- CAN INCREASE ABILITY OF ACHIEVING MORE OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE, CONSISTENT WITH GOALS FOR BOTH MAXIMAL IAQ & ENERGY EFFICIENCY