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Goldstein, B. D., et al., The Relation Between Respiratory Illness in Primary Schoolchildren and the Use of Gas for Cooking - II. Factors Affecting Nitrogen Dioxide Levels in the Home, Int. J. Epidemiology, 8:339-45, 1979.

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Industrial Environmental Research Laboratory, Draft Indoor Air Quality Research Strategy/Plan, EPA, 26 pp., 17 November 1980.

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"An association between gas cooking and respiratory illness has now been found in three different groups of children in the U.K."

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This collection of 67 articles is one of the most comprehensive looks at indoor air problems available in one source. Topics include (1) policy and public health concerns; (2) sources, concentrations, and exposures to radon, organics, formaldehyde, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and aerosols; (3) health and comfort aspects of indoor air pollution and indoor climate; (4) engineering aspects of ventilation, contaminant control, and energy conservation. This volume also includes articles on some problems not written about elsewhere, such as respiratory irritation caused by carpet shampoo.

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"The av. indoor total suspended particle concn. during the wood-burning period is 3 times greater than that during the non-wood-burning period; the av. indoor benzo[a]pyrene (a carcinogen)... concn. is 5 times greater; the av. indoor respirable suspended particles, 2-4 times greater."

National Research Council, Committee on Indoor Pollutants, Indoor Pollutants, National Academy Press, 537 pp., 1981.

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NIOSH, Hazard Evaluation and Technical Assistance Report, NIOSH-HE/TA-79-45, NTIS Order No. PB80-192057, 8 pp., 1980.

An Internal Revenue Service office building was found not to have dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, asbestos, or fibrous glass. Both smokers and non-smokers had elevated carboxy Hb levels due to smoking in the office.

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A technical discussion of indoor radon and thoron concentrations.

Rundo, J. et al., Observation of High Concentrations of Radon in Certain Houses, Health Physics, 36:729-730, June 1979.

Higher indoor radon concentrations were found in houses with unpaved crawl spaces, due to soil emanations.

S., J. D. and C., S. D., The Inside Story: Health and Regulations, Technology Review, pp. 37-38, August/September 1982.

"It is irresponsible for government not to research people's exposure to indoor pollution and explore policy alternatives. Such funding could be justified by comparing it with current and projected multibillion-dollar projects for controlling outdoor sources, which may have less effect on personal exposure... Source controls, product performance specifications, building ventilation requirements, and construction codes are...reasonable regulatory options."

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Selway, M. D., et al., Ozone Production from Photocopying Machines, Am. Ind. Hyg. Assoc. J., 41:455-459, 1980.

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Shair, F. H. and Hectner, K. L., Theoretical Model for Relating Indoor Pollutant Concentrations to Those Outside, Environmental Science and Technology, 8:444-453, 1974.

A technical model for ventilation claimed to have the potential for use to reduce indoor ozone concentrations to 20% of outdoor ozone concentrations on smoggy days.

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Six family homes in the San Francisco area were studied and found to have indoor air more polluted than outdoor air on a smoggy day.

Spengler, J. D., et al., Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide Levels Inside and Outside Homes and the Implications on Health Effects Research, Environmental Science and Technology, 13:1276-1280, 1979.

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Stranden, E., A Simple Method for Measuring the Radon Diffusion Coefficient and Exhalation Rate from Building Materials, Health Physics, 37: 242-244, 1979.

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Strandon, E., et al., A Study on Radon in Dwellings, Health Physics, 36:413-421, 1979.

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Sun, M., EPA Said to Bar Official from Meeting, Science, 214:639, 1981.

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Sun, M., Building Makes People Sick, Engineering News Record, 17 June 1982.

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Sun, M., Radon Levels High in Passive Solar Homes, Engineering News Record, 1 July 1982.

New, well-insulated homes in Colorado were found to have "potentially unsafe levels of radon gas."

U.S. Radiation Policy Council, Report of the Task Force on Radon in Structures, U.S. Radiation Policy Council, 53 pp., August 1980.

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Wadden, R. A., and Scheff, P. A., Indoor Air Pollution - Characterization, Prediction, and Control, Wiley Professional Books, 288 pp., 1982.

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School Makes Students Sick, Engineering News Record, p. 15, March 1983.

Polurethane insulation caused eye irritation, sore throats, headache, and nausea in three New York schools.

The Health Effects of Cooking with Gas, Science News, 24 October 1981, p. 262.

Describes findings of two studies presented at the International Symposium on Indoor Air Pollution, Health and Energy Conservation about the respiratory effects on users of gas-cooking ranges.