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Question Who enforces the requirements for acceptable levels of contaminants in air in commercial buildings?

Local public health agencies or local code enforcement agencies, if any.

While U.S. EPA, OSHA, NIOSH, state and local environmental protection agencies and private consultants can be helpful in determining the source of indoor environmental problems and their solution, enforcement, when necessary, is usually accomplished by litigation.

Long Answer

Occupants of the building can report dissatisfaction to OSHA and create an investigation in the building.

[US EPA](http://www.epa.gov) - United States Environmental Protection Agency, (www.epa.gov)

[NIOSH](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html) - National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, (www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html)

[OSHA](http://www.osha.gov)- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (www.osha.gov)

ASHRAE Pubs [ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2016](#), Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality, plus [ASHRAE BOD approved addenda](#)

Various IAQ Conference Papers

Topic References Indoor Air Quality enforcement

	Cognizant ASHRAE Committees	Refer to Organization
1	TC 4.3	US EPA
2	SSPC 62.1	OSHA
3	EHC	NIOSH
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