



A Union of Professionals

## WORK SHOULDN'T HURT

# Indoor Environmental Quality Discovery

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local #: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part One:

What are the three most pressing air quality issues that have come up in your workplace over the last two or three years?

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Has management/building owner been cooperative in resolving problems? Explain.

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Has the union been actively involved in the process? Explain.

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**Part Two: Building Information**

Age of building? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of building? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of employees in building: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of ventilation system – unit-ventilator (unit in each room) or central heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) or other, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

| Potential Problem  | Yes/No | Comments |
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| Staff complaints?  |        |          |
| Symptoms present? - headache, eye, nose irritation, fatigue, dry cough, etc.   |        |          |
| Illness present? - asthma, respiratory infections, etc.                        |        |          |
| Lack of fresh air?   |        |          |
| Temperature problems?  |        |          |
| Humidity problems?   |        |          |
| Mold and water damage – on ceiling and floor tiles, carpet, books, etc.?       |        |          |
| Poor maintenance - dirty vents, dust, etc.?                                    |        |          |
| Source of pollutants:<br>Cleaning chemicals, pesticides, idling vehicles, etc. |        |          |
| Detectable Odors – what type and where from?                                   |        |          |
| Any recent construction/renovation?  |        |          |

Tell us your story! Do you have a particularly bad air quality problem? Do you have a great success story about how the union helped to make improvements in your workplace? We'd like to know!

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Please share your story or comments with us and for more information, contact the AFT health and safety team at [4healthandsafety@aft.org](mailto:4healthandsafety@aft.org)