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To Federal, State and Local Officials:

Indoor air quality professionals including contractors and consultants provide essential services that are necessary to maintain safe and sanitary conditions for healthcare, educational, senior and residential living, commercial and other facilities.

As each state issues its own directive in response to COVID-19, officials are determining which workers and professionals are deemed as part of the essential workforce. The federal government has issued an [advisory document](#) outlining essential critical infrastructure workforce. While plumbers, electricians, exterminators are clearly cited in these federal guidelines, indoor air quality professionals have been overlooked but should be included as part of “other service providers that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences” as well as commercial, institutional and healthcare structures.

We implore you recognize and cite “indoor air quality professionals” to the list of essential businesses and workforce. Indoor air quality professionals provide essential services related to the health, safety and welfare of building occupants in residences like nursing homes and hospital facilities. Not allowing them to be performed may have a detrimental effect on the health and well-being of occupants within a particular building environment.

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