



## AMERICAN INDOOR AIR QUALITY COUNCIL Press Release

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### **EPA Praises American IAQ Council Program**

An IAQ Council program designed to improve air quality inside the nation's schools has drawn praise from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

The IAQ Council's School-based Mentoring program grants recertification credits to Council-certified professionals who assist public or private schools in implementing IAQ programs such as EPA's *IAQ Tools for Schools*.

"EPA recognizes the need for standards of practice, performance, and knowledge in the indoor air quality industry," said David Rowson, Director of the Center for Asthma and Schools in EPA's Office of Air and Radiation/Indoor Environments Division. "We appreciate the IAQ Council's work to provide this guidance to their colleagues, working to protect the health of children and staff in schools."

The IAQ Council's program recognizes certificants who help implement or maintain the *Tools for Schools* program, either as school employees or unpaid volunteers. Certificants earn re-certification credits for participating in program administration, staff training, complaint investigation, consulting or remediation.

EPA created *Tools for Schools* in 1995 to help school and district administrators address indoor air quality issues through the use of low-cost methods and in-house staff. The Action Kit that accompanies the program includes best practices, industry guidelines, sample policies and a sample IAQ management plan. For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/iaq/schools](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools).

The American Indoor Air Quality Council is a non-profit certifying body founded in 1993 to serve the indoor air quality industry. The IAQ Council operates independent, third-party accredited certification programs for indoor environmental consultants, microbial consultants, microbial remediators, indoor air quality administrators and residential mold inspectors. The IAQ Council certifies more than 5,000 professionals in the United States, Canada and overseas.

For more information about the IAQ Council and its programs, please visit [www.iaqcouncil.org](http://www.iaqcouncil.org).