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Dear Peggy and Dorothy,

As I promised to Peggy (in addition to the posting I made to the CAFA Internet site under "news" on availability of the draft report and the public meeting July 27), I reviewed the preliminary section and Executive Summary.

Overall, I liked the report (good work!), and have primarily specific edits/suggestions for your consideration, which I think would strengthen and streamline the text for readability to policymakers.

In addition, I have some questions and technical edits to recommend; please refer to "red ink" and/or pencil on the hard copy of the report sections reviewed, which I mailed to Dorothy today. These include:

- * see comment/question on page vii, and suggested change to section title
- * see comment/question about citing OEHHA IRELS on page ix
- * page 1, in introduction, please state time period your literature review, including government reports, covered. I remember reading your "cut-off" was well before the present time....
- * page 2, Figure ES-1, please state the years the data were collected, the references cited, and clearly remind reader these time-activity patterns were averages (population means) year-round, not for a specific season
- * page 4, please cite references and give more specific data on current estimated prevalence of asthma statewide, e.g., use CHIS (2001) data or U.S. CDC generated data (see MMWR). You can also use data and citations on "asthma in CA" fact sheet of the CAFA Briefing Kit, http://www.calasthma.org/home/briefing_kit/?PHPSESSID=a11fe9ac57071c9e15d3432d20364276
- * see my comments about word choice for last paragraph on page 6 and paragraph on VOCs on page 7
- * page 8 and elsewhere, please define in parentheses "humidifier fever"
- * see edits necessary for Table ES-2 on page 10, given footnotes and to make titles consistent for this table (as it appears on pages 10 and 85)
- * see rationale I presented for deletion of text boxes/quotations, pp.14-15
- * I recommend moving subsection titled "Mitigating Indoor Pollution in Schools: An Urgent Need" and its subsection "Problems in Schools" to end of Section III at bottom of page 9. This seems best place for summary data on problems (concentrations = potential exposures) found in CPCS schools.
- * I recommend deleting or adding text as noted on page 20 (possibly to be pp.9-10, see above) for last bullet under "Problems in Schools" subsection

Best regards,
Derek