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**The Oil Spill's Other Impact on Our Environment – Damage to Air Quality**

**Pulaski, NY - July 27, 2010** - Indoor Environmental experts are turning their attention to the next phase of the BP oil disaster, as the oil breaks down and turns airborne. The EPA has been monitoring the air along the gulf coast for several weeks looking for evidence of Volatile Organic Compounds. VOC's can wreak havoc and symptoms range from nausea to dizziness and headaches.

It has been known that long term exposure to high levels of VOC's can cause cancer and damage to our organs. According the Dr. Phil Harber, a professor at University of Los Angeles, the burning oil could expose people in the area to toxins that might cause severe respiratory issues.

Is our indoor air quality at risk? "It certainly may be," stated Vinny Lobdell, Jr., VP of Sales at HealthWay Home products, a leading international manufacturer of air cleaning equipment. "All indoor air is made up of outdoor air and if we are not using proper filtration when bringing air into our homes then there can be major health implications," Mr. Lobdell explained.

Air purification equipment such as HealthWay's patented Disinfecting Filtration System (DFS) air cleaner with advanced VOC and gas adsorption filtration can assist as a point of use system where you may feel you are at risk. Granular adsorption filtration has a wide range impact on gaseous chemicals including those that may show up off the gulf coast.

The short, mid and long term risks from exposure to these levels of VOC's are not yet completely known. However, according to Senator Tom Harkin (D. - Iowa), the effects of these airborne chemicals are devastating but how they will affect our people is unknown. The states with the biggest concern are Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The EPA recommends using high-quality portable air cleaners to remedy a poor indoor air quality situation. Larger buildings where people gather should also look for filtration products that provide ultra fine particle removal and gas adsorption. "Many air cleaners have very little VOC and gas phase filtration so before purchasing make sure you do your research," advises Mr. Lobdell. He adds, "inexpensive air quality tests can be done to test for particulate and gas levels in the home. Always look for a trusted Indoor air quality expert who provides pre and post testing to confirm that you are not just buying a product but a true solution."

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