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All Things Moisture

CASE STUDY

Project: FEMA Trailers
Client: Various Law Firms in Louisiana

CHALLENGE:

Claims in bellwether trials concerning formaldehyde and moisture problems in 80,000 Hurricane Katrina FEMA trailers

SOLUTION:

Liberty served as the expert consultant for three manufacturers in HVAC claims against them.

RESULTS:

Case led to a highly favorable ruling for our client.



CASE EXPERT:

Donald B. Snell, PE – Principal Expert

CASE SUMMARY:

Expert consulting services were required for a case involving a claim against three manufacturers of trailers provided by FEMA in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Liberty Building Forensics Group® (Liberty) was retained to determine the cause of alleged formaldehyde and moisture problems by conducting sophisticated air infiltration testing on typical FEMA trailers. Their findings were used as a basis for Liberty's defense opinion on behalf of the three trailer manufacturers. Using animation-based evidence, Liberty proved to the jury that there was sufficient ventilation to offset any alleged off-gassing, and that there were no moisture-related defects.

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