



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 EXPERTS:

Donald B. Snell, P.E. – 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.