



COVID-19 Ventilation Upgrades

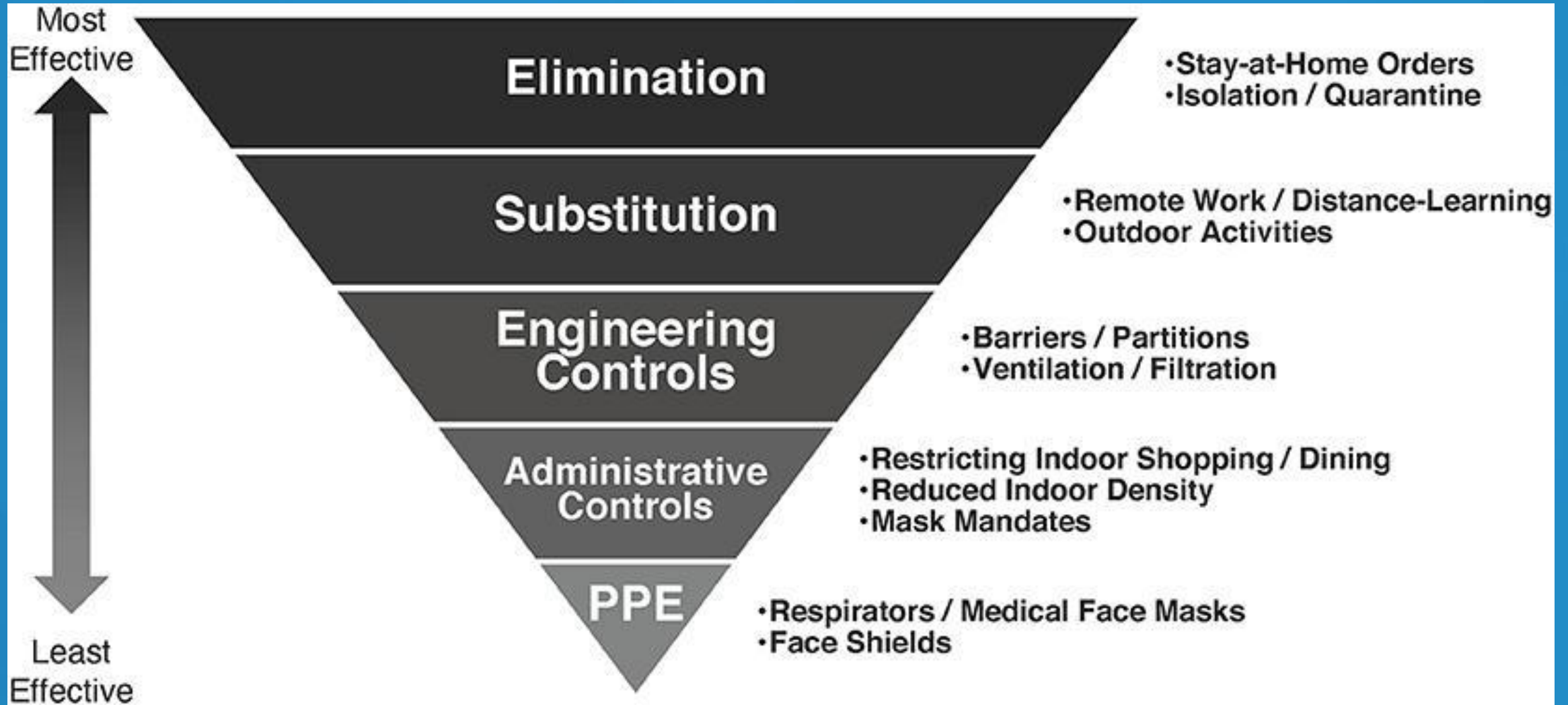
Strategies to increase ventilation, eliminate energy waste, & reduce GHG emissions

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N E R V A
E N E R G Y

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Common Indoor Air Pollutants

Airborne particles

from diesel exhaust, dust, smoke and other sources



Indoor formaldehyde

from building materials, furniture, cooking, and smoking



Household odors & gases

from activities such as painting, cooking, and smoking



Ozone

from outdoor air (ground level ozone is harmful to breathe)



Carbon Dioxide

from people exhaling and cooking





90%



WORK



LIVE



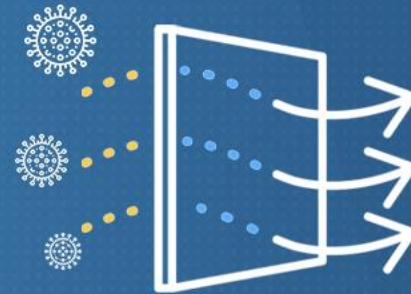
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WHAT DO THE EXPERTS RECOMMEND?



INCREASE VENTILATION



IMPROVE FILTRATION

**The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers

COVID-19

INDOOR AIR QUALITY SPECIALISTS

**MAXIMIZE AIRFLOW &
INCREASE AIR EXCHANGE RATES**



**USE AIR TREATMENT
TECHNOLOGIES TO PURIFY
THE AIR AND SURFACES**



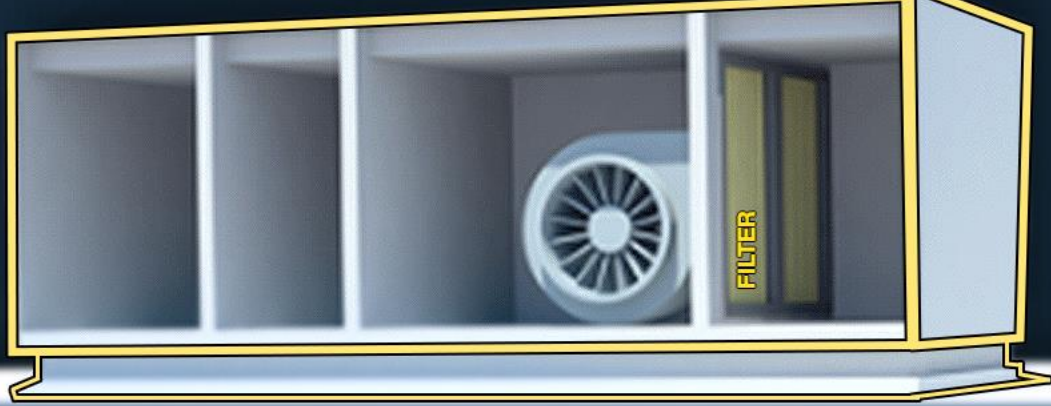
Increase Airflow with:
DUCT SEALING



Purify the air and surfaces with:
REME TECHNOLOGY

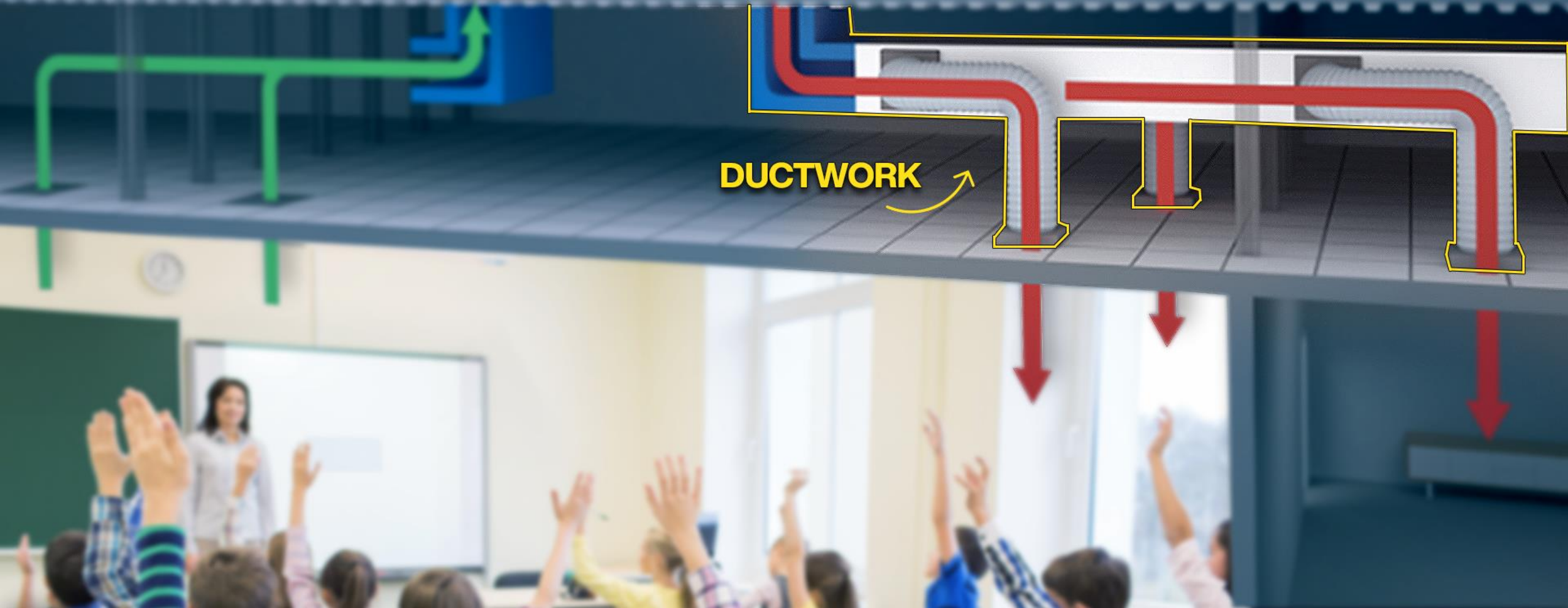


AIR HANDLING UNIT



KEY HVAC COMPONENTS

DUCTWORK



AIR HANDLING UNIT



THE HEART

DUCTWORK



THE ARTERIES



DUCTWORK THE ARTERIES

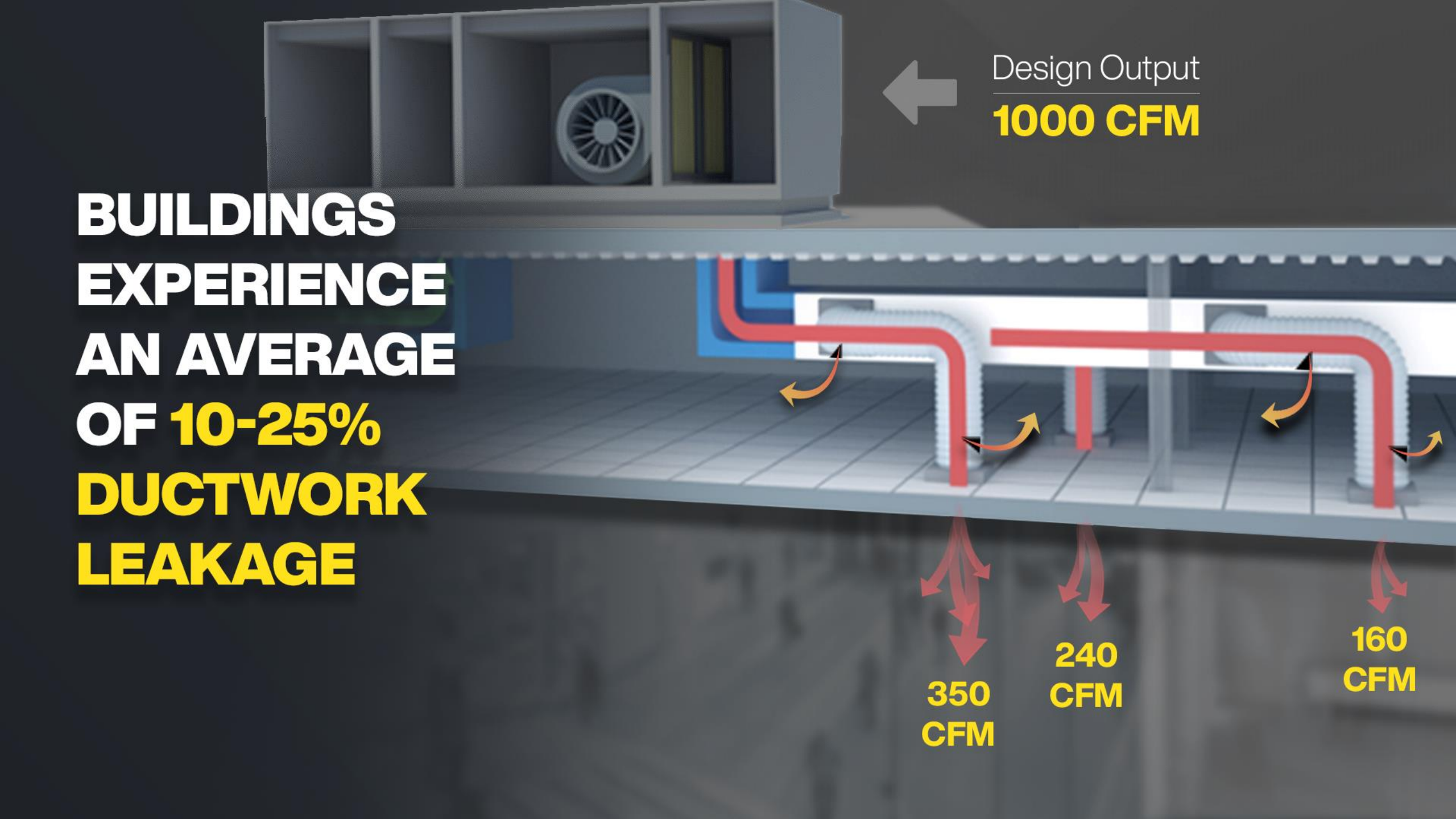
Design Output
1000 CFM

**BUILDINGS
EXPERIENCE
AN AVERAGE
OF 10-25%
DUCTWORK
LEAKAGE**

**350
CFM**

**240
CFM**

**160
CFM**

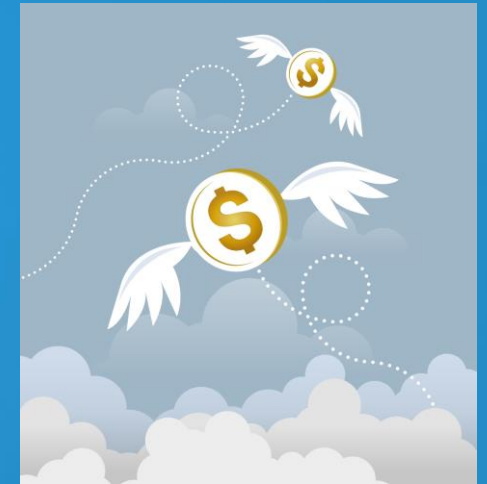


LEAKS AND ENERGY WASTE

#1 Most Expensive Problem:

- Building Commissioning states duct leaks as the No. 1 most expensive building fault and costs billions a year in energy costs.
- Source:
 - Source: Building Commissioning: A Golden Case For Reducing Energy Costs, E. Mills, 7/09 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Top 10 Building Faults	Annual Cost
Duct Leakage	\$2.9B
HVAC left on when unoccupied	\$1.9
Lights left on when unoccupied	\$1.7
Airflow not balanced	\$0.7
Improper refrigerant charge	\$0.7
Dampers not working properly	\$0.5
Insufficient evaporator airflow	\$0.3
Improper controls set up	\$0.2
Control component failure	\$0.2
Software programming errors	\$0.1



A blue-tinted photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, several students' hands are raised, indicating an interactive session. In the background, a teacher is visible at the front of the room. The overall scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

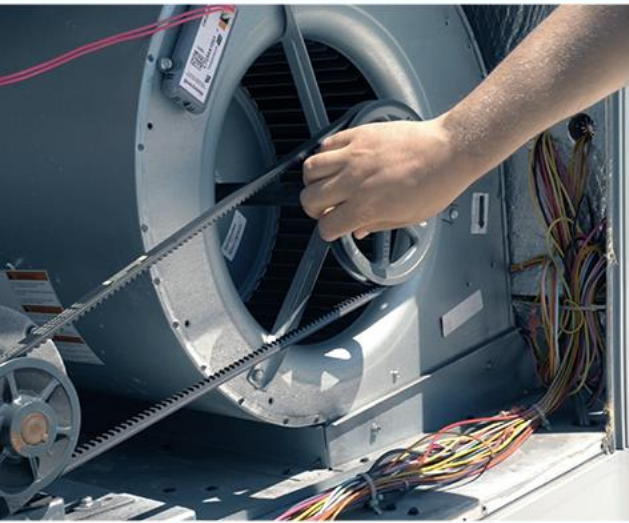
WHAT SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO INCREASE VENTILATION?

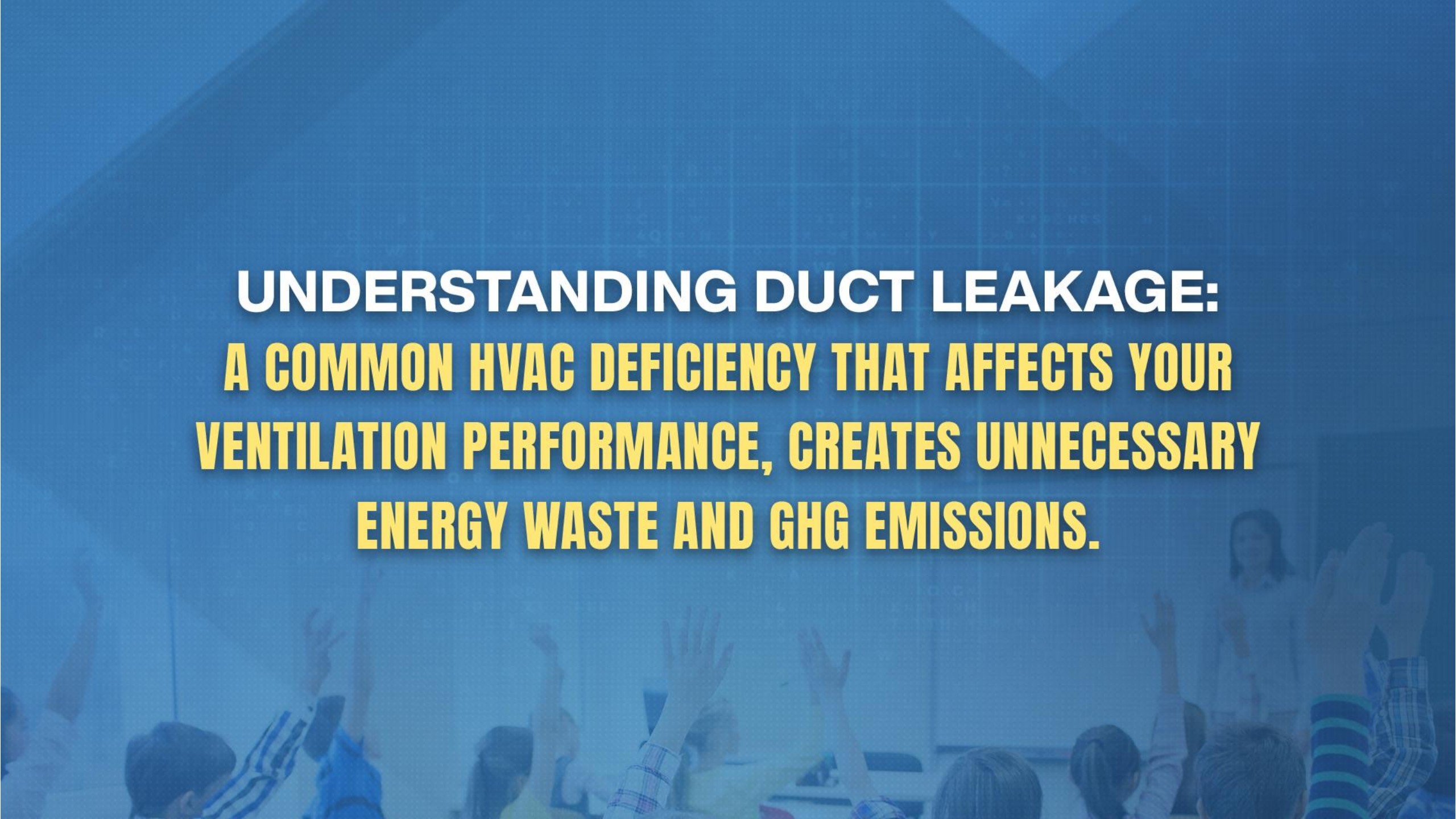
COSTLY & DISRUPTIVE
MECHANICAL REPLACEMENT



PROVEN & SUSTAINABLE

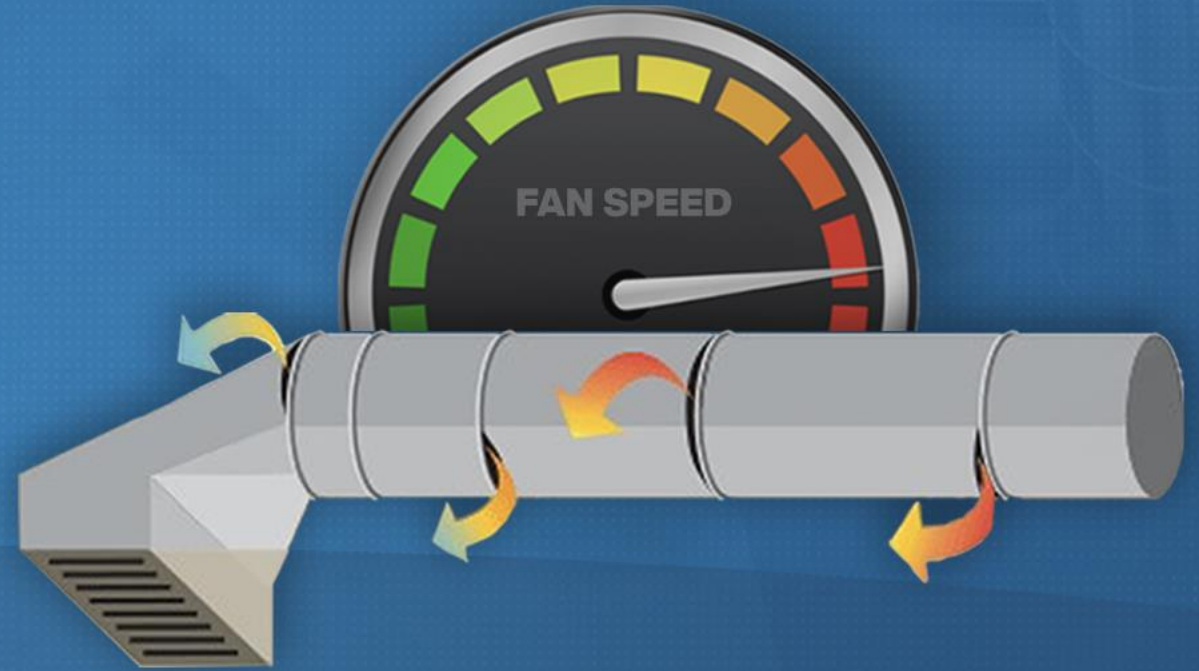
HVAC OPTIMIZATION + DUCTWORK REHABILITATION





**UNDERSTANDING DUCT LEAKAGE:
A COMMON HVAC DEFICIENCY THAT AFFECTS YOUR
VENTILATION PERFORMANCE, CREATES UNNECESSARY
ENERGY WASTE AND GHG EMISSIONS.**

THE EFFECTS OF DUCT LEAKAGE



**SICK BUILDING
SYNDROME**



**VIRUS & BACTERIA
RECIRCULATION**

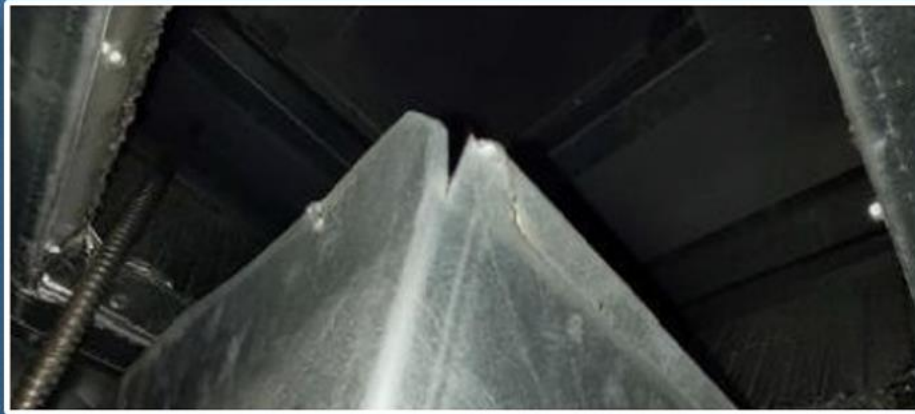


**ENERGY
LOSS**



**INCREASED
GHG EMISSIONS**

COMMON DUCTWORK DEFICIENCIES



4-PHASE PROCESS

DESIGNED BY
AWARD-WINNING ENGINEERS

STEP 1 FACILITY BASED AUDIT

STEP 2 REHABILITATE INFRASTRUCTURE

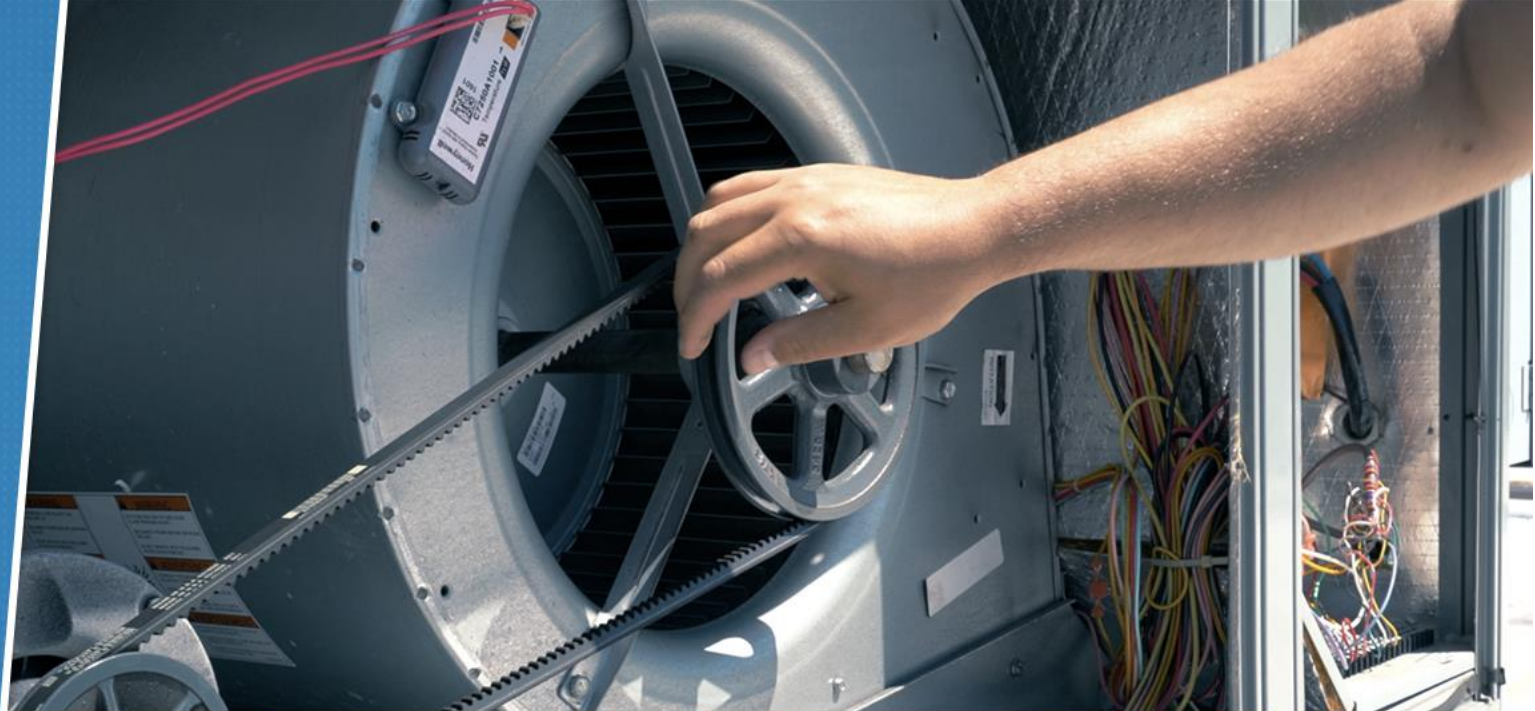
STEP 3 AEROSOLIZED DUCT SEALING

STEP 4 PERFORMANCE VALIDATION

STEP 1

FACILITY BASED AUDIT

- ✓ Mechanical review
- ✓ Inspect filtration
- ✓ Air volume testing
- ✓ Inspect dampers & VFD's



STEP 2

REHABILITATE INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Identify major leaks
- ✓ Repair defective ductwork
- ✓ Clean clogged diffusers
- ✓ Inspect coils



STEP 3

AEROSOLIZED DUCT SEALING

- ✓ Award winning technology
- ✓ Seals from the inside-out
- ✓ Guaranteed results
- ✓ Increase ventilation



Overall Sealing Results:

BEFORE SERVICE

359 CFM of Leakage, equivalent to a
14.4 Square Inch Hole or
23% of the system capacity of 1,540 CFM

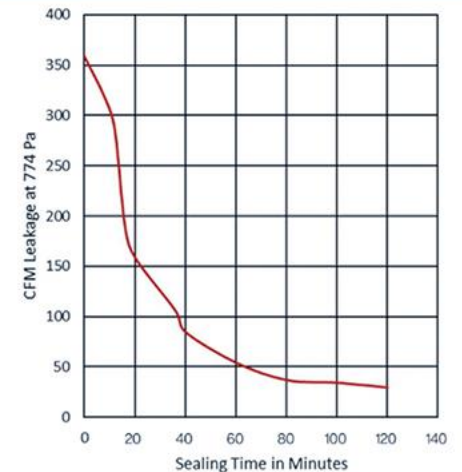
AFTER SERVICE

27 CFM of Leakage, equivalent to a
1.1 Square Inch Hole or
2% of system capacity

This corresponds to a
92% Reduction
In Duct Leakage or a
98% Total Seal Rate

NOTE: Duct leakage results are calculated in Cubic Feet per Minute (CFM) measured at a STANDARD OPERATING PRESSURE of 774 Pa

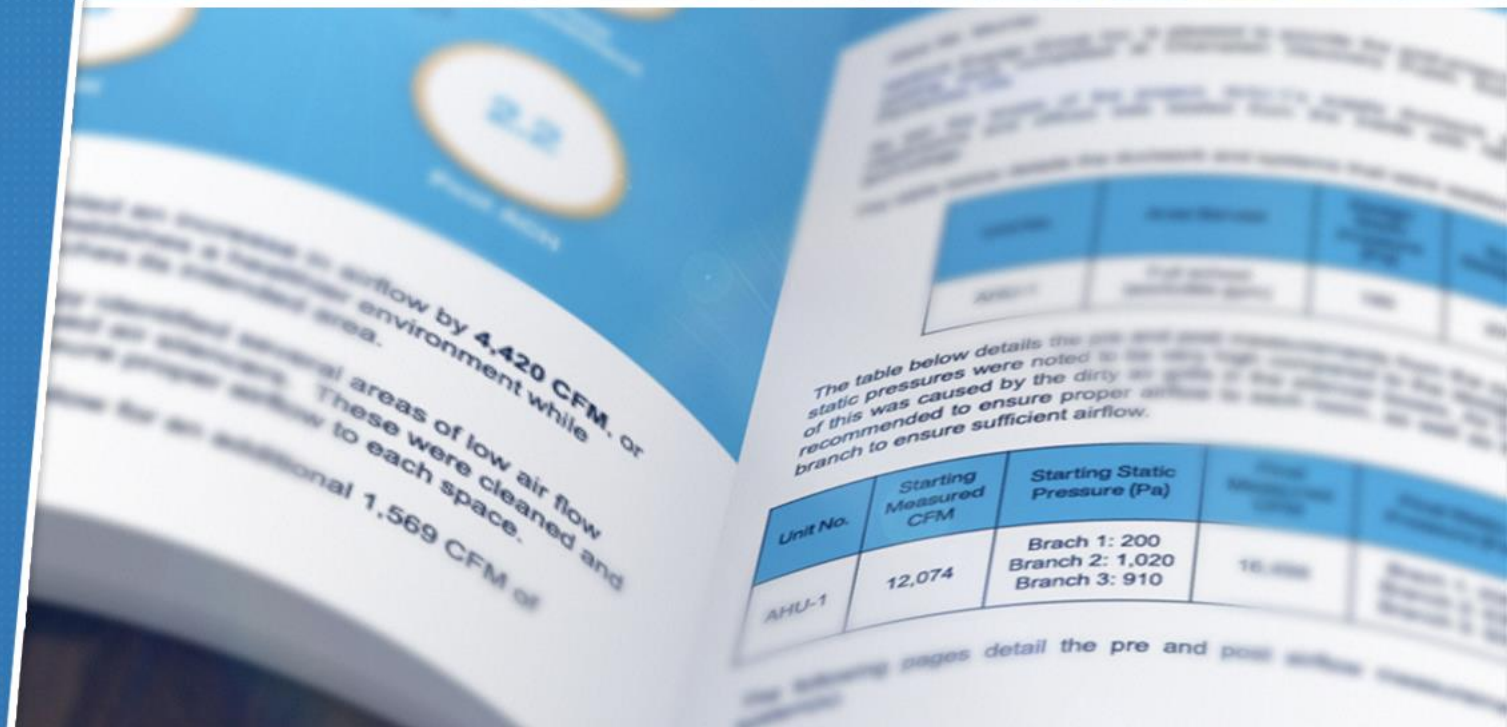
Sealing Progress:



STEP 4

PERFORMANCE VALIDATION

- ✓ Post air volume testing
- ✓ Validate system performance
- ✓ Quantify improvements
- ✓ Air volume report & warranty



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS CHART



Unit No.	Area Served	Starting Measured CFM	Final Measured CFM	Airflow Improvement
AHU-3	Com. Lab	2,272	2,694	19%
AHU-2	Admin	1,685	2,870	70%
HRU-3	1st, 2nd Lab, Storage	4,512	5,405	20%
HRU-1	Classroom	3,862	6,011	56%
AHU-1	Library	Exposed ductwork sealing space - duct sealing not required		
MUA-2	Gym	Exposed ductwork sealing space - duct sealing not required		

AHU - 3 (Com. Lab)

Total Diffusers: 9

Airflow Increase	# of Diffusers
0- 25%	7
26-50%	0
51-100%	1
101-150%	0
151-200%	1
200+%	0

AVERAGE AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT:

18.57%

AHU - 2 (Admin)

Total Diffusers: 11

Airflow Increase	# of Diffusers
0- 25%	3
26-50%	1
51-100%	2
101-150%	3
151-200%	0
200+%	2

AVERAGE AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT:

70.33%

HRU - 3 (1st, 2nd Lab, Storage)

Total Diffusers: 49

Airflow Increase	# of Diffusers
0- 25%	33
26-50%	12
51-100%	4
101-150%	0
151-200%	0
200+%	0

AVERAGE AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT:

19.79%

HRU - 1 (Classroom)

Total Diffusers: 39

Airflow Increase	# of Diffusers
0- 25%	13
26-50%	4
51-100%	12
101-150%	3
151-200%	2
200+%	5

AVERAGE AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT:

55.64%

DELIVERING INCREASED AIRFLOW... **ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME!**



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL	AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT
Elementary School 1	72%
Elementary School 2	28%
Elementary School 3	24%
Elementary School 4	22%
Elementary School 5	22%
Elementary School 6	18%



RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL	AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT
Elementary School 1	68%
Elementary School 2	63%
Elementary School 3	41%
Elementary School 4	37%
Elementary School 5	36%
Elementary School 6	25%
Elementary School 7	18%
Elementary School 8	10%
Secondary School	38%
Board Office	12%



TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SCHOOL	AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT
Elementary School 1	45%
Elementary School 2	43%
Secondary School 1	61%
Secondary School 2	32%
Secondary School 3	19%



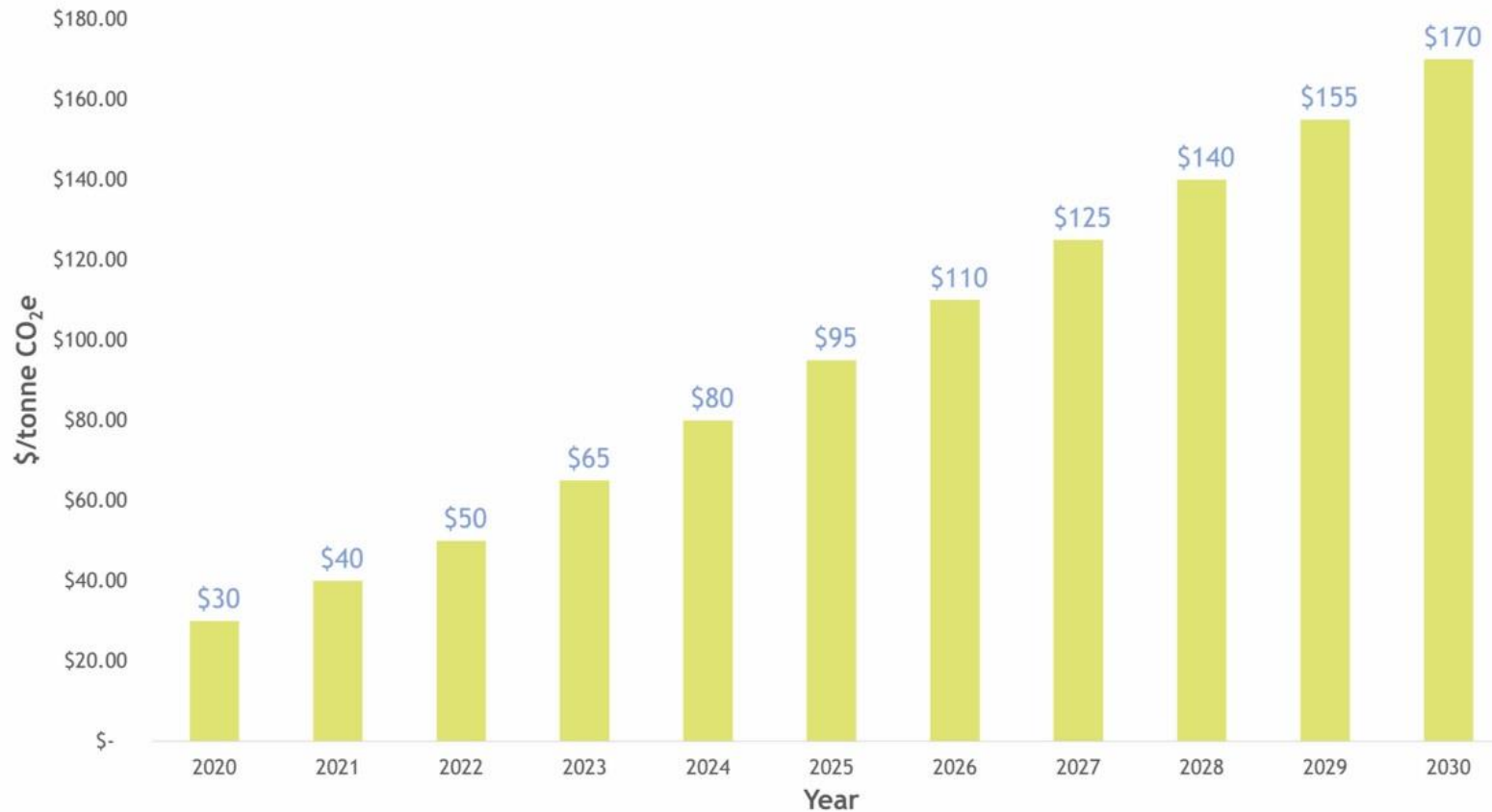
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH

SCHOOL	AIRFLOW IMPROVEMENT
Elementary School 1	53%
Elementary School 2	48%
Elementary School 3	40%

AVERAGE AIRFLOW INCREASE OF 36%!

Proposed Change to Federal Carbon Tax in Canada:
Cost per Tonne CO₂e

Canada 



Natural Gas (Ontario) → +13% Annually Due to Carbon Tax

- Are you still installing gas-fired equipment with a 20-year life span?
 - Are you incorporating this into efficiency project analysis?

Grand Erie DSB

Schools	Total Design CFM	Pre-airflow CFM	Post-airflow CFM	Airflow % Improved	Air System Savings Electricity	Air System Savings Gas	Air System GHG Reduction
Elementary School 1	18,260	10,115	17,391	72%	30%	13%	13%
Elementary School 2	6,000	4,678	5,808	24%	58%	30%	30%
Elementary School 3	18,000	13,453	16,398	22%	46%	22%	22%
Elementary School 4	17,500	12,093	15,481	28%	53%	26%	26%
Elementary School 5	32,995	25,165	29,738	18%	50%	25%	25%
Elementary School 6	35,100	23,004	28,021	22%	49%	25%	25%

NET-NET FINANCIAL IMPACT

- ✓ **8-10% reduction on your energy bill**
- ✓ **An average of 18% reduction in carbon**
(represents 40% of the 45% carbon reduction target set by the Paris Accord 2030 goal)
- ✓ **Avoid unnecessary capital replacement costs**
- ✓ **Extend the life of your ventilation systems**

UNDERSTANDING AIR PURIFICATION

PASSIVE VS. ACTIVE

PASSIVE

- Pollutants must travel to a physical source for treatment
- System can only treat contaminants that reach the source
- Limited protection against airborne and/or surface viruses and bacteria

ACTIVE

- Releases hydroperoxide ions into the airspace
- Proactively treats every cubic inch of air-conditioned space
- Neutralizes viruses and bacteria found in the air and on hard surfaces

TECH COMPARISON

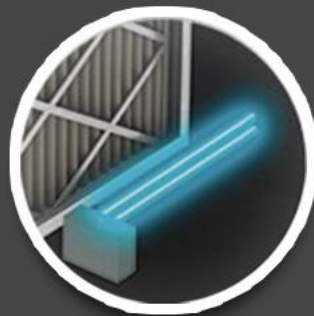
UVC

Passive Technology

Can Produce Ozone

Can increase energy consumption

High-Ongoing Costs (Bulb Replacement)



BI-POLAR

Active Technology

Does not treat hard surfaces

Lack of studies and results

Not enough proof on its ability to inactivate viruses and bacteria in real-life scenarios.



Photocatalytic Oxidation (PCO)

Passive Technology

PCO does not comply with ozone requirements

Can increase energy consumption

High-Ongoing Costs (Bulb Replacement)



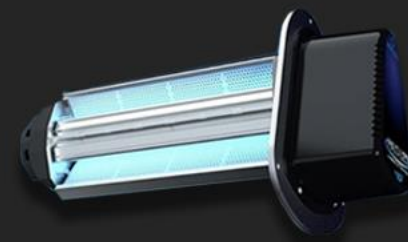
REME-LED

Active Air Purification (Ducts, Air & Surfaces)

Certified "Zero Ozone" by Intertek (UL 2998)

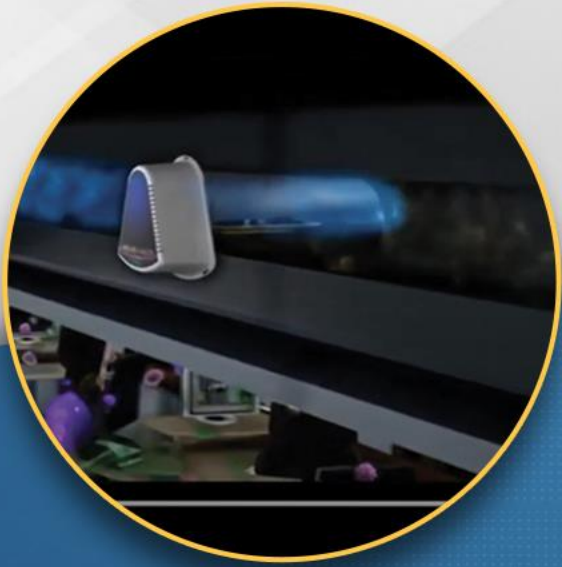
Only technology to offer a 3-Foot Sneeze Shield

Laboratory tested and proven 99.9% effective against COVID-19, and dozens of other viruses and bacteria.



HOW IT WORKS

REME TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION!



In-duct air purification with Reflective Electro Magnetic Energy

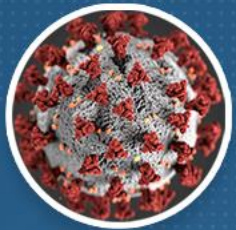


Technology releases Ionized Hydrogen Peroxide Molecules



Reduces microbial, particulate and gaseous contaminants

REME TECHNOLOGY IS THIRD-PARTY LABORATORY TESTED AND PROVEN TO KILL COVID-19 BY 99.9%



COVID-19
99.9% Reduction



Viruses
99.99% Reduction



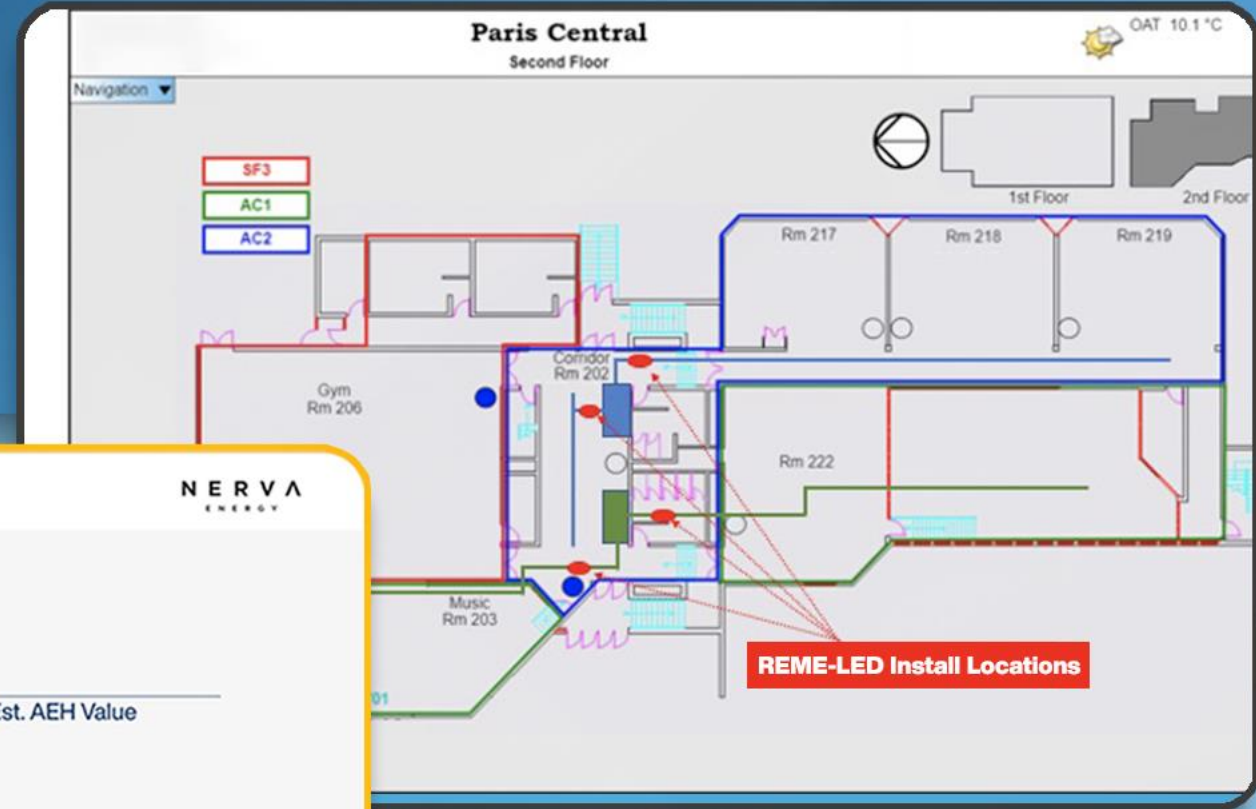
Bacteria
99% Reduction



Mould
97% Reduction



PHASE 2: APPLICATION DESIGN



H2O2 EQUILIBRIUM CALCULATOR

Enter Sq. Ft.

CFM Value

Est. ACH Value

Est. AEH Value

Est. Duct Leakage

Type of system?
(VAV,VVT,Zone, etc)

Operational Time?

Filter MERV rating?

Is this a dedicated
MUA system?

Does the system
have heat recovery?

% of exposed
ductwork?

% of concealed
ductwork?

Is the ductwork
insulated?

Are the hallways
ventilated?

Are the windows
operable?

Total volume of
unventilated spaces?

Total # of REME Units

[Click here to view engineering plan for this property](#)

December 21, 2020

LLOYDS OF LONDON INSTALLS REME TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE ITS OFFICES COVID-SECURE

“We undertook a lot of due diligence and testing to prove that this system worked including ATP (adenosine triphosphate) swab testing, which found that the level of pathogens on surfaces in the office which were extremely low and identical to the immediate results of fogging.”

Terry Blacker, Head of Corporate Real Estate

The New Healthy Building Podcast describes the Lloyds of London project and extensive validation efforts.



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Cleaner Air
SCHOOLS



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Increase Airflow with:
DUCT SEALING



Purify the air and surfaces with:
REME TECHNOLOGY



Q&A

