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NEW REPORT OFFERS PATH FOR ADDRESSING HEALTH RISKS FROM GAS STOVES

Regulators can set performance standards for an overlooked source of indoor air pollution: gas stoves.

Gas stoves are found in over a third of American homes, and these appliances emit dangerous levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) and fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) into the home within just a few minutes of cooking. This indoor air pollution can cause asthma in children and exacerbate other serious conditions such as respiratory illness and cardiovascular problems. Children, low-income people, people of color, and those with preexisting health conditions are at an especially high risk of adverse health effects from gas stoves.

A new report from the Institute for Policy Integrity at NYU School of Law argues that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) can and should take action to address the unreasonable health risks posed by gas stove emissions. Specifically, the report argues that the Commission should:

- 1. Issue performance standards for gas stoves and range hoods that focus on reducing risk by increasing ventilation and/or alerting users to unsafe concentrations.
- 2. Require warning labels on gas stoves.
- 3. Launch a public campaign to build consumer awareness about the dangers of gas stoves.

The full report, *The Emissions in the Kitchen: How the Consumer Product Safety Commission Can Address the Risks of Indoor Air Pollution from Gas Stoves* is available at: https://policyintegrity.org/publications/detail/the-emissions-in-the-kitchen

The authors are available for interviews on these issues.

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