In recent years there has been increased focus on indoor air quality by the building materials industry.

Owens Corning (OC) continuously improves its products and processes with a strong focus on improving the product properties and/or making the products more environmentally friendly. Recently, we have been making our insulation products with a bio-based binder ingredient. This use of natural ingredients supports OC’s commitment to making our products and our production facilities more sustainable. The use of natural ingredients can sometimes cause different scents when installing the product. This scent is very similar to the smell of baked goods. This scent is normal for bio-based materials, and will dissipate after a few days.

There is no health hazard associated with the scent from the bio-based binder. Extensive emission testing has occurred on product made with the new formulation, primarily through the GreenGuard™ Environmental Institute which is an independent not for profit organization focused on establishing building standards designed to protect the health of occupants through the control of mold, moisture and indoor pollutants. These products meet all of the stringent indoor air performance criteria that our insulation products have always met, including exceeding the strictest indoor air quality standards such as GreenGuard for Children and Schools. Please visit www.greenguard.org for further information.

As always, Owens Corning stands behind its products and will cover the costs of replacing any products that do not meet customer needs. Please do not hesitate to contact your local Owens Corning Area Sales Manager if you have any concerns. You may also contact Nancy Joy-Poignon, Environmental Health & Safety Customer Relations Leader at 419-248-5820 or nancy.joy-poignon@owenscorning.com if you have specific scent questions.