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Dear Jeffrey,

If you think crawlspaces have to be "icky," think again. In this month's feature article, "New Light In Crawlspaces" Dr. Joe guides you through the mess in Building Science Insight #9 (see below).

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Featured Article by Joe Lstiburek, Ph.D., P.Eng., Fellow ASHRAE

New Light In Crawlspaces

Building Science Insight No. 9

Crawlspaces stink, they rot, and are just plain icky. **Photograph 1** shows the modern crawlspace, which is a forest of water droplets on the underside of fiberglass batt insulation. The exposed wood floor joists are rotting. The house over this crawlspace is not shabby. Did I mention that this is a vented crawlspace? Oh, by the way, there is a continuous plastic sheet ground cover and excellent drainage. Everything in this crawlspace was done "right." It has code specified ventilation, a continuous impermeable ground cover, excellent drainage and still we have a mess. What caused this mess? The floor insulation. No way. Yup....

To read the entire feature article and find a downloadable pdf version, click [here](#) to visit our web page.



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