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Minimum indoor air quality performance

Required

Glossary

Intent

To contribute to the comfort and well-being of building occupants by establishing minimum standards for indoor air quality (IAQ).

Requirements

Establishment

Mechanically ventilated spaces

For mechanically ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is activated), chose one of the following:

Case 1. Systems able to meet required outdoor airflow rates

Option 1. ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010

Modify or maintain each outdoor air intake, supply air fan, and ventilation distribution system to meet the outdoor air intake flow rates, using the ASHRAE ventilation rate procedure or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent and meet the minimum requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010, Sections 4-7, Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality (with errata), or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent.

Option 2. CEN Standards EN 15251-2007 and EN 13779-2007

Projects outside the U.S. may instead meet the minimum outdoor air requirements of Annex B of Comité Européen de Normalisation (CEN) Standard EN 15251-2007, Indoor environmental input parameters for design and assessment of energy performance of buildings addressing indoor air quality, thermal environment, lighting and acoustics; and meet the requirements of CEN Standard EN 13779-2007, Ventilation for nonresidential buildings, Performance requirements for ventilation and room conditioning systems, excluding Section 7.3, Thermal environment; 7.6, Acoustic environment; A.16; and A.17.

Case 2. Systems unable to meet required outdoor airflow rates

If meeting the outdoor airflow rates in Case 1 is not feasible because of the physical constraints of the existing ventilation system, complete an engineering assessment of the system's maximum outdoor air delivery rate. Supply the maximum possible to reach the minimum setpoint in Case 1 and not less than 10 cubic feet per minute (5 liters per second) of outdoor air per person.

Naturally ventilated spaces

For naturally ventilated spaces (and for mixed-mode systems when the mechanical ventilation is inactivated), determine the minimum outdoor air opening and space configuration requirements using the natural ventilation procedure from ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010 or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent. Confirm that natural ventilation is an effective strategy for the project by following the flow diagram in the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) Applications Manual AM10, March 2005, Natural Ventilation in Nondomestic Buildings, Figure 2.8 and meet the requirements of ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010, Section 4, or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent.

All spaces

The indoor air quality procedure defined in ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010 may not be used to comply with this prerequisite.

Performance

Show compliance through measurements taken at the system level within five years of the end of the performance period.

Implement and maintain an HVAC system maintenance program, based on ASHRAE 62.1-2010, Section 8, or a local equivalent, whichever is more stringent, to ensure the proper operations and maintenance of HVAC components as they relate to outdoor air introduction and exhaust.