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Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

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FOREWORD

This addendum clarifies the requirements for certain exhaust discharges. Terminology for the Emergency Department public waiting area is made consistent within the standard and with the FGI Guidelines (refer to Paragraph 2.2-3.1.3.4 from the FGI-2014). Terminology for nuclear medicine hot lab is made consistent within the standard and with the FGI Guidelines (refer to Paragraph 2.2-3.6.6.16 of FGI-2014).

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striketrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

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Revise Section 6.3.2 as follows.

6.3.2 Exhaust Discharges.

6.3.2.1 General. Exhaust discharge outlets from All rooms, bronchoscopy and sputum collection and pentamidine administration rooms, ~~Emergency Department public waiting areas rooms~~, nuclear medicine ~~hot labs laboratories~~, radiology waiting rooms ~~programmed to hold patients who are waiting for chest x-rays for diagnosis of respiratory disease~~, pharmacy hazardous-drug exhausted enclosures, and laboratory work area chemical fume hoods shall

- a. be designed so that all ductwork within the building is under negative pressure;

Exception: Ductwork located within mechanical equipment rooms. Positive-pressure exhaust ductwork located within

mechanical equipment rooms shall be sealed in accordance with SMACNA duct leakage Seal Class A.¹⁰

- b. discharge in a vertical direction at least 10 ft (3 m) above roof level and shall be located not less than 10 ft horizontally from air intakes, openable windows/doors, or areas that are normally accessible to the public or maintenance personnel and that are higher in elevation than the exhaust discharge; and
- eb. be located such that they ~~minimize~~ reduce the potential for the recirculation of exhausted air back into the building.

6.3.2.2 Additional Requirements

- a. Exhaust discharge outlets from All rooms, bronchoscopy and sputum collection exhaust, pharmacy hazardous-drug exhausted enclosures, and laboratory work area chemical fume hoods shall additionally be arranged to discharge to the atmosphere in a vertical direction (with no rain cap or other device to impede the vertical momentum) and at least 10 ft (3 m) above the adjoining roof level.
- b. Exhaust discharge outlets from laboratory work area chemical fume hoods shall discharge with a stack velocity of at least 2500 fpm (1180 L/s).
- c. Exhaust discharge outlets from All rooms, bronchoscopy and sputum collection exhaust, and laboratory work area chemical fume hoods shall be located not less than 25 ft (8 m) horizontally from outdoor air intakes, openable windows/doors, and areas that are normally accessible to the public.

Exception to Section 6.3.2.2(c): If permitted by the authority having jurisdiction, an alternate location (e.g., located adjacent to an air intake but with the exhaust discharge point above the top of the air intake) may be utilized. The submitted reentrainment analysis shall demonstrate that an exhaust discharge outlet located at a distance less than 25 ft (8 m) horizontally provides a lower concentration of reentrainment than all the areas located at a distance greater than 25 ft (8 m) horizontally on the roof level where the exhaust discharge is located.

Revise Table 7.1 as shown below. The remainder of Table 7.1 is unchanged.

TABLE 7.1 Design Parameters

Function of Space	Pressure Relationship to Adjacent Areas (n)	Minimum Outdoor ach	Minimum Total ach	All Room Air Exhausted Directly to Outdoors (j)		Air Recirculated by Means of Room Units (a)	Design Relative Humidity (k), %	Design Temperature (l), °F/°C
				Yes (q)	N/R			
SURGERY AND CRITICAL CARE								
ER-Emergency Department public waiting area rooms	Negative	2	12	Yes (q)	N/R	Max 65	70–75/21–24	

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