



ADDENDA

**ASHRAE Addendum g to
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 188-2015**

Legionellosis: Risk Management for Building Water Systems

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FOREWORD

Addendum g revises the Informative Annex C text regarding testing laboratories to be more generic. This change is made to facilitate use of Standard 188 in both the United States and globally.

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 Informative Annex C as shown.

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INFORMATIVE ANNEX C GUIDANCE IF *LEGIONELLA* TESTING IS UTILIZED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED FACILITY-ASSOCIATED DISEASE

When *testing* of environmental water samples is utilized, it should be performed by a laboratory with demonstrated proficiency in the subject method, such as may be evidenced by certification by a national, regional, or local government agency or by an accredited nongovernmental organization (NGO).

Laboratories performing routine microbiological ~~culture~~ *testing* of environmental water samples should be accredited by a regional, national, or international accrediting body according to a nationally or internationally recognized standard, for example ISO/IEC 17025:2005/2017, General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories, or similar. *Legionella* ~~culture-testing~~ must ~~should~~ be included as well as in the laboratory's scope of accreditation.

In the case of suspected or confirmed facility-associated disease, consult the AHJ.

~~As part of the laboratory accreditation, laboratories should have demonstrated proficiency in the detection of *Legionella* culture in accordance with one of the following:~~

~~U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Environmental *Legionella* Isolation Techniques Evaluation (ELITE) Program~~

~~European external quality assessment/proficiency *testing* program for *Legionella* isolation through Public Health England~~

~~An equivalent, nationally accredited proficiency test provider.~~

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The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.

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