Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

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FOREWORD

This addendum increases the filter requirements in Section 5.8 from MERV 6 to MERV 8. This will reduce the potential for particulate deposition on cooling coils that could lead to biological or other contamination on the coils. In addition, it brings the requirement in line with ANSI/ASHRAE/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1-2011, Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings.

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

Addendum n to Standard 62.1-2010

Modify Section 5.8 as follows.

5.8 Particulate Matter Removal. Particulate matter filters or air cleaners having a minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of not less than 8 when rated in accordance with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 52.2

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