

**INTERPRETATION IC 62-1999-29 OF  
ASHRAE STANDARD 62-1999  
VENTILATION FOR ACCEPTABLE INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

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**References.** This request seeks clarification of Table 2 in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62-1989.

**Background.** A footnote to Table 2 heading, "Estimated Maximum Occupancy, P/1000ft<sup>2</sup>" reads as follows: "\*\*  
Net occupiable space."

**Energy Economics Interpretation.** Energy Economics interprets that Standard 62 intends that the "net occupiable space" area is the floor area less permanent fixed furniture and fixtures, such as the display gondolas in a retail store.

**Question 1.** Is the Energy Economics interpretation correct?

**Answer 1.** No.

**Question 2.** If the answer to Question 1 is No, what is the definition for "net occupiable space?"

**Answer 2.** The floor area of an occupiable space is defined by the inside surfaces of its bounding walls.