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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2004, Section 5.1, specifically the exception to 5.1, regarding the definition of an authority having jurisdiction.

Background: Exception to Section 5.1 states that "An engineered natural ventilation system when approved by the authority having jurisdiction need not meet the requirements of 5.1.1 and 5.1.2".

Interpretation: We understand that the "authority having jurisdiction" in Section 5.1 refers to the local governing body/municipality who has responsibility under the building code for applying and enforcing the applicable standards and guidelines for ventilation and indoor air quality in each region or province and not ASHRAE.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes

Comments: The authority having jurisdiction is not limited to the “local governing body/municipality”. There may be others.