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Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

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FOREWORD

This addendum deletes references to MERV 17 to be consistent with previously published Addendum b, clarifies the meaning of "occupied space" regarding the requirements of certain exhaust ductwork systems, and adds an additional reference to Section 9, Normative References.

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.

Addendum e to Standard 170-2008

Delete the MERV 17 reference from Section 7.2.1b as shown.

7.2.1 Airborne Infection Isolation (AII) Rooms. Ventilation for AII rooms shall meet the following requirements whenever an infectious patient occupies the room:

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- b. All air from the AII room shall be exhausted directly to the outdoors.

Exception: AII rooms that are retrofitted from standard patient rooms from which it is impractical to exhaust directly outdoors may be ~~ventilated~~ provided with recirculated air from the room's exhaust, on the condition provided that the air first passes through a HEPA (~~MERV 17~~) filter.

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Revise Section 6.3.2a as shown.

6.3.2 Exhaust Discharges. Exhaust discharge outlets that discharge air from AII rooms, bronchoscopy rooms, emergency department waiting rooms, nuclear medicine laboratories, radiology waiting rooms, and laboratory chemical fume hoods shall

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

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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

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Add the following reference to Section 9, Normative References.

- 10. SMACNA, *HVAC Duct Construction Standards, Metal and Flexible (Third Edition: 2005)*. Chantilly, VA 20151.

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Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

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