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FOREWORD

Addendum c provides guidance to users of Standard 170 on how to incorporate air classifications into their design of Standard 170 spaces if they are required to use them in conjunction with ASHRAE Standard 62.1.

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.

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Add new Informative Appendix B, "Air Classifications." Reletter current appendices accordingly.

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INFORMATIVE APPENDIX B AIR CLASSIFICATIONS

ASHRAE Standard 62.1 categorizes spaces into air classifications and prevents the recirculation and transfer of air under many conditions from spaces with higher air classifications to spaces with lower air classifications based on ASHRAE Standard 62.1, Section 5.16. This appendix includes guidelines on how to apply air classifications to ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170 spaces.

- a. Air classifications should be applied as indicated below and in accordance with ASHRAE Standard 62.1¹ Section 5.16.
- b. Recirculation allowances by room units shall be in accordance with the room recirculation requirements of Tables 7.1, 8.1, and 9.1 and Standard 62.1, Section 5.16. (**Informative note:** This should not be construed to prevent room recirculation of air within the same space when permitted by Standard 170 but prevented by Standard 62.1 air classifications.)
- c. Energy recovery devices serving Standard 170 spaces should meet the requirements of Standard 170, Section 6.8.
- d. Spaces in Tables 7.1, 8.1, and 9.1 requiring 100% exhaust air should be Class 3 air.

Exceptions to (e):

1. Spaces listed in Section 6.3.2.1 should be Class 4 air.
2. For spaces with Class 3 and 4 air, room recirculation should be as permitted by HEPA filtration when indicated in Tables 7.1, 8.1, and 9.1 and associated notes.
- e. Spaces requiring negative pressure but not 100% exhaust air should be Class 2 air. The following list of spaces should also be considered Class 2 air:
 1. Resident gathering/activity/dining (mild odor contaminants)
 2. Resident room in skilled nursing facilities (mild odor contaminants)
 3. Resident unit corridor in skilled nursing facilities (mild odor contaminants)
 4. Laboratory work area, media transfer (mild odor contaminants)
 5. Special examination room (biological concerns)
 6. Pharmacy (mild odor contaminants)
- f. All other spaces should be Class 1 air.
- g. Variability of contaminants by space use is expected. When additional contaminants will occur in a space than may typically be expected, designers should designate a higher air classification for that space if appropriate. Designers should not designate a lower air classification for a space than is indicated.

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