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FOREWORD

Addendum au clarifies that the requirements of Section 9 apply to building projects as currently defined in the standard:

building project: *one or more buildings and the site on which they are located that are subject to one or more permits issued by the AHJ.*

This change clarifies that the requirements of Section 9 apply to, and were developed to address, materials and resources within a building project rather than a broader interpretation of structure or infrastructure. The change makes the scope of Section 9 consistent with the scope statements of Sections 5.1, 6.1, and 7.1, which limit the scope of each of those sections to building projects rather than buildings and structures.

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

Addendum au to Standard 189.1-2020

Modify Section 9.1 as shown.

9.1 Scope. This section specifies requirements for building projects related to the environmental and human health impacts of materials, including resource conservation, reduced life-cycle impacts of building materials, impacts on the atmosphere, product transparency, and waste management.

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ASHRAE's short-range goal is to ensure that the systems and components within its scope do not impact the indoor and outdoor environment to a greater extent than specified by the Standards and Guidelines as established by itself and other responsible bodies.

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