

**ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Addendum n to  
ANSI/ASHRAE/ICC/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1-2023**

**Standard for  
the Design of  
High-Performance  
Green Buildings**

**Except Low-Rise  
Residential Buildings**

*The Complete Technical Content of the International Green Construction Code®*

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## **FOREWORD**

*Addendum n clarifies that alterations of buildings are within the scope of Standard 189.1.*

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

## **Addendum n to Standard 189.1-2023**

### **Modify Section 2.1 as follows:**

#### **2. SCOPE**

**2.1** This standard addresses site sustainability, water use efficiency, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality (IEQ), materials and resources, and construction and plans for operation. It contains requirements that apply to the following:

- a. New buildings and structures and their systems
- b. New portions of additions to buildings and structures and their systems
- c. Alterations to existing buildings and structures
- d. e. New systems and equipment in existing buildings
- e. f. Relocated existing buildings
- f. g. The site on which the building or structure is located
- g. h. Demolition and deconstruction of buildings and structures and their systems
- h. i. Change of occupancy classification or use

**2.2** The provisions of this standard do not apply to the following:

- a. Single-family houses, multifamily structures of three stories or fewer above grade, manufactured houses (mobile homes), and manufactured houses (modular)
- b. *Building projects* and structures that use none of the following:
  - 1. Electricity
  - 2. Fossil fuel
  - 3. Water

**2.3** The requirements in this standard shall not be used to circumvent any applicable safety, health, or environmental requirements.

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FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES**

ASHRAE is concerned with the impact of its members' activities on both the indoor and outdoor environment. ASHRAE's members will strive to minimize any possible deleterious effect on the indoor and outdoor environment of the systems and components in their responsibility while maximizing the beneficial effects these systems provide, consistent with accepted Standards and the practical state of the art.

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.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive Technical Committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date Standards and Guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised Standards developed by other responsible organizations.

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

ASHRAE will take the lead with respect to dissemination of environmental information of its primary interest and will seek out and disseminate information from other responsible organizations that is pertinent, as guides to updating Standards and Guidelines.

The effects of the design and selection of equipment and systems will be considered within the scope of the system's intended use and expected misuse. The disposal of hazardous materials, if any, will also be considered.

ASHRAE's primary concern for environmental impact will be at the site where equipment within ASHRAE's scope operates. However, energy source selection and the possible environmental impact due to the energy source and energy transportation will be considered where possible. Recommendations concerning energy source selection should be made by its members.

### **Standard 189.1 and the International Green Construction Code**

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