

ADDENDA

ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum h to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.2-2022

Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Residential Buildings

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FOREWORD

Addendum h adds language in the scope to describe that IAQ may be unacceptable even if all requirements are met because of contaminant transport from adjacent spaces. The addition is to recognize the impact of adjacent spaces on dwelling unit IAQ.

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

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Revise Section 2, "Scope," as follows.

1. PURPOSE

This standard defines the roles and minimum requirements for mechanical and natural ventilation systems and other measures intended to provide acceptable indoor air quality (IAQ) in individual dwelling units.

2. SCOPE

This standard applies to dwelling units in residential occupancies in which the occupants are nontransient.

2.1 This standard considers chemical, physical, and biological contaminants that can affect air quality. Thermal comfort requirements are not included in this standard.

Informative Note: See ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 55, *Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy*, for thermal comfort requirements.

2.2 While acceptable IAQ is the goal of this standard, it will not necessarily be achieved even if all requirements are met

- a. because of the diversity of sources and contaminants in indoor air and the range of susceptibility in the population;
- b. because of the many other factors that may affect occupant perception and acceptance of IAQ, such as air temperature, humidity, noise, lighting, and psychological stress;
- c. if the ventilation air is unacceptable and this air is brought into the dwelling unit without first being cleaned;
- d. because of contaminant transport from adjacent spaces;
- e. d. if the system or systems are not operated and maintained as designed; or
- <u>f.</u> e. when high-polluting events occur.

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