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Specifying Direct Digital Control Systems

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Addendum h

(This foreword is not a part of this guideline. It is merely informative and does not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the guideline.)

FOREWORD

This addendum modifies sample specification Section 2.1 (Section 8.1 of the guideline) to allow newer products to be used due to the fast pace of product changes in the industry.

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

Change text as indicated.

8.1 Materials

In general, it is important to specify that the products and materials provided should be new; and part of the manufacturer's current product line; and that they will be supported for at least five years.

Project Considerations: The requirement for the use of new materials and equipment in this article should be reviewed and coordinated with the requirements of Part 3, especially the

article on "Existing Equipment" that is reused in retrofit or renovation projects. This example also requires that the systems installed use technology that has been ~~in used~~ for at least two years on a minimum of 25 installations. The technology used in this industry changes rapidly, so it may be worthwhile to consider reducing this ~~time period~~ quantity. The specifier should strive to review the technology offerings available before the specification is out for bid to avoid the embarrassment of specifying systems or equipment that may no longer be available.

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. ~~All~~ Use new products used in this project installation ~~shall be new and currently under manufacture and shall have been applied in similar installations for a minimum of two years~~ that the manufacturer is currently manufacturing and that have been installed in a minimum of 25 installations. This installation shall not be used as a test site for any new products unless explicitly approved by the owner's representative in writing. Spare parts shall be available for at least five years after completion of this contract.

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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.

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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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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.