Interpretation IC 170-2008-6 of
ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2008
Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements in ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2008, Section 7.1.1b, regarding ventilation rates in spaces other than those found in Table 7-1.

Background: Section 7.1.1b states that ventilation rates for many areas not specified in Table 7-1 can be found in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007.

Please confirm that the intent of the phrase “ventilation rates” in section 7.1.1b is to direct users to Part 6 of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1: Procedures. As such, users could comply using any of the three Procedures in 62.1, Part 6: 6.1.1 Ventilation Rate Procedure, 6.1.2 IAQ Procedure, or 6.1.3 Natural Ventilation Procedure.

Interpretation: The intent of the phrase in Section 7.1.1b of Standard 170 is to direct users to Section 6 of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007 and as such, users can comply by using any of the three procedures in Standard 62.1: Section 6.1.1 Ventilation Rate Procedure, Section 6.1.2 IAQ Procedure, or Section 6.1.3 Natural Ventilation.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes