

**Interpretation IC 170-2013-3 of
ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2013
Ventilation of Health Care Facilities**

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements in ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2013, Section 1, regarding environmental control for comfort, asepsis, and odor.

Background: Section 1 states the purpose of the standard is to *"define ventilation system design requirements that provide environmental control for comfort, asepsis and odor in health care facilities"*.

There is not a definition of *"environmental control"* in the standard. It is not clear if *"environmental control"* encompasses acceptable indoor air quality.

If not, designers seeking to provide acceptable indoor air quality would need to apply other standards (*"acceptable indoor air quality"* is elsewhere defined in ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2013.)

Interpretation: *"Environmental control for comfort, asepsis, and odor"* (§1 of Standard 170) excludes *"acceptable indoor air quality"*.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes.