

INTERPRETATION IC 62.1-2019-5 OF
ANSI/ASHRAE STANDARD 62.1-2019
Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

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Reference: 62.1-2019, There appear to be conflicts with Table 5-1 of ASHRAE 62.1 and section 5.5.1.2

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Interpretation 1: Based on Table 5-1 of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2019, vents, chimneys, and flues from combustion appliances and equipment are assigned a minimum separation distance of 15 ft from outdoor air intakes, even though the minimum separation distance for Class 4 air is 30 ft.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes

Interpretation 2: Section 5.5.1.2 of ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2019 requires that the minimum distances for outdoor air intakes relative to fuel-gas-burning appliances be determined in accordance with NFPA 54. In case of conflict between NFPA-54 and Table 5-1, the larger of the applicable distances is required.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes

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