



ADDENDA

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Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality

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FOREWORD

The current standard is silent on producing ozone within HVAC equipment. In some countries, ozone generators are accepted as air cleaners. In a recent poll of members of SSPC62.1, only 2% thought that having ozone producing components in a ventilation system is consistent with acceptable indoor air quality.

Ozone is harmful for health, and exposure to ozone creates risk for a variety of symptoms and diseases associated with the respiratory tract. Many products of ozone homogeneous and heterogeneous reaction processes also create risks for health, including formaldehyde, unsaturated aldehydes (produced during the reaction of ozone with ketones and alcohols), and ultrafine particles (secondary organic aerosols).

Ozone emission is thus undesirable. However, there is no consensus on the safe level of ozone. For example, ASHRAE's Environmental Health Committee issued an emerging issue brief suggesting "safe ozone levels would be lower than 10 ppb" and that "the introduction of ozone to indoor spaces should be reduced to as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) levels." Still, even widely used guidelines are not entirely consistent with all available epidemiological literature on the effects of ozone, and there is relatively little known about the long-term effects of exposure to low concentrations of ozone.

The current state of the science regarding the health effects of ozone strongly suggests that the use of air cleaners that emit ozone by design should not be permitted; the same information and advice is given by the USEPA, among others. There is more uncertainty about recommendations for air cleaners that do not

use ozone by design for air cleaning but produce ozone unintentionally, as a by-product of their operation. There are devices that emit ozone but at the same time reduce concentrations of other harmful contaminants. The state of the science does not allow making highly certain trade-offs between increased exposure to ozone and the ozone reaction byproducts and reduced exposure to other contaminants.

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~strike through~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

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Add new Section 5.7 as shown. Renumber following sections as appropriate.

5.7 Ozone Generating Devices. The use of ozone generating devices shall comply with the following sections.

Exception to 5.7: Electronic devices used exclusively for the operation of HVAC equipment and controls.

Informative Note: Ozone generation is expected from ozone generators, corona discharge technology, some ultraviolet lights, electronic devices that create chemical reactions within the system, and some devices using a high voltage (>480 V). Motors and relays are examples of electronic devices that would be exempt.

5.7.1 Air Cleaning Devices. Air cleaning devices shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2998.

Informative Note: The use of devices not intended for air cleaning with the potential to generate ozone should be avoided.

5.7.2 Ultraviolet Devices. Ultraviolet generating devices in supply air or spaces shall not transmit 185 nm wavelengths.

Informative Note: UV devices used in treatment of closed water systems may produce 185 nm wavelengths, which may generate ozone.

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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.

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