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FOREWORD

Section 8 contains requirements for the reference building to which the actual building design must be compared. In Section 8.7.1, the ducts assumed for the reference building must be completely within the conditioned space. In much of the country where ducts are commonly located in unconditioned spaces, this requirement represents a disincentive to use the performance path of Section 8. The prescriptive requirements for buildings with ducts in unconditioned spaces are more stringent than those for buildings with ducts in the interior. Given the current understanding of the issue, the prescriptive requirements cannot be assumed to reflect the real impact of duct losses. To provide an incentive to move ducts indoors, the performance path must acknowledge the reality that ducts are commonly located in unconditioned spaces. The change will benefit builders who typically locate ducts in conditioned spaces and increase the benefits of the performance path. For those who typically locate ducts in unconditioned spaces, the proposed change will provide a strong incentive to move ducts inside.

The change in Section 8.7.6 to the assumption of wood doors for the reference case removes a penalty for using the performance path while recognizing the common practice of using wood entry doors.

Unless otherwise noted, underlining indicates addition and strikethrough indicates deletion.

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Change Section 8.7.1 as indicated below.

8.7.1 Ducts. Ducts in the prescriptive design, if any, shall be assumed to be completely in <u>un</u>conditioned spaces. Single-family prescriptive designs shall comply with part ~~A~~ <u>B</u> of each prescriptive envelope requirement.

Change Section 8.7.6 as indicated below.

8.7.6 Doors. The prescriptive design shall have one 40-ft^2 opaque, ~~non~~wood door facing north for each living unit in the proposed design.

POLICY STATEMENT DEFINING ASHRAE'S CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES

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.

As an ongoing goal, ASHRAE will, through its Standards Committee and extensive technical committee structure, continue to generate up-to-date standards and guidelines where appropriate and adopt, recommend, and promote those new and revised standards developed by other responsible organizations.

Through its *Handbook*, appropriate chapters will contain up-to-date standards and design considerations as the material is systematically revised.

ASHRAE will take the lead with respect to dissemination of environmental information of its primary interest and will seek out and disseminate information from other responsible organizations that is pertinent, as guides to updating standards and guidelines.

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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