

**INTERPRETATION IC 15-1994-7 OF  
ASHRAE STANDARD 15-1994  
SAFETY CODE FOR MECHANICAL REFRIGERATION**

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**References.** This request refers to Standard 15-1994, Subclauses 8.13.2 through 8.13.5

**Background.** Subclause 8.13.2 requires a refrigerant detector which will activate an alarm and mechanical ventilation in accordance with 8.13.4 at flow rates prescribed in 8.13.5, at a value not greater than the corresponding TLV-TWA (or toxicity measure consistent therewith).

**Question.** Is it the intent of 8.13.2 through 8.13.5 that the mechanical ventilation system have a source of emergency electric power available.

**Answer.** No