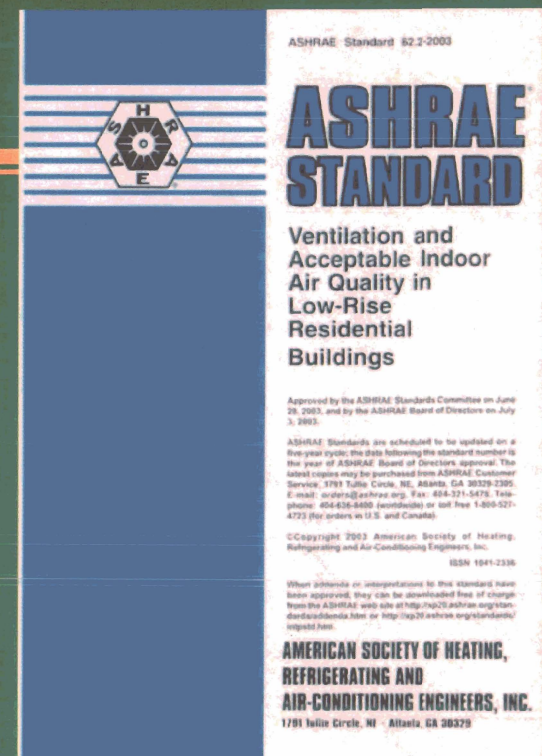
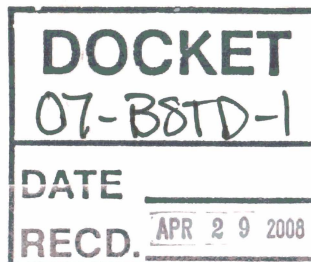


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# PURPOSE OF 62.2



*“This standard defines the roles of and minimum requirements for mechanical and natural ventilation systems and the building envelope intended to provide acceptable indoor air quality in low-rise residential buildings.”*

- Ventilation Systems
- Sources
- Envelope

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- 1997: Split off From SSPC 62
- Summer 2000: 1<sup>st</sup> Full Public Review
  - 500 commentors; 3000 comments
- Summer 2001: 2<sup>nd</sup> Full (130,400)
- Spring 2002: 3<sup>rd</sup> ISC (19,66)
- Fall 2002: 4<sup>th</sup> ISC (7,28)
- Summer 2003: ASHRAE BOD Approval
- Fall 2003: Publication; SSPC formation



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- ANSI Approves 62.2
  - Appeals filed by Gas Industry
- Spring 2004: Addenda processed
  - Remove backdrafting test option
  - Tweak climate definitions
- Summer 2004: ASHRAE BOD Approval
- Fall 2004: Publication of 62.2-2004
- SSPC Considering New Addenda

# NEED FOR STANDARD



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- American Houses Have No “Ventilation” systems
- Indoor Air Quality Concerns Rising
  - 4th largest problem
  - Asthma is #1 childhood problem
- Energy & comfort concerns have led to tightening of envelope
- New Materials in Dwellings

# SCOPE OF STANDARD 62.2



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- Single-family houses and multi-family structures of three stories or fewer
- Chemical, physical and biological contaminants
- Not thermal comfort ; Not Unvented appl.
- Caveats:
  - Diversity of sources & susceptibilities
  - Non IAQ perceptions
  - Poor outdoor air
  - Improper O&M
  - High Polluting Events

# PRINCIPLES BEHIND 62.2



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- *“A Man’s Home is his Castle”*
  - Occupants control sources
  - Occupants operate building
- Envelope Plays Important Role
  - Infiltration and Natural Ventilation
  - Potential Pollutant Source
- Sources Matter
- Simple Solutions



# KEY DEFINITIONS



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- **Acceptable indoor air quality:** air in an occupied space toward which a substantial majority of occupants express no dissatisfaction and in which there are not likely to be contaminants at concentrations that are known to pose a health risk. Acceptable indoor air quality must also satisfy the requirements of acceptable *perceived indoor air quality*.
- **Pressure boundary:** primary air enclosure boundary, which separates indoor and outdoor air.
- **High-Polluting Event:** Isolated and occupant controlled emission

# COMPLIANCE



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- Whole-House Mechanical Ventilation
  - Or equivalent
- Fans in Kitchens and Baths
- Windows in Most Rooms
- Some Source Control
- “Good” Equipment

# OUTDOOR AIR TARGET



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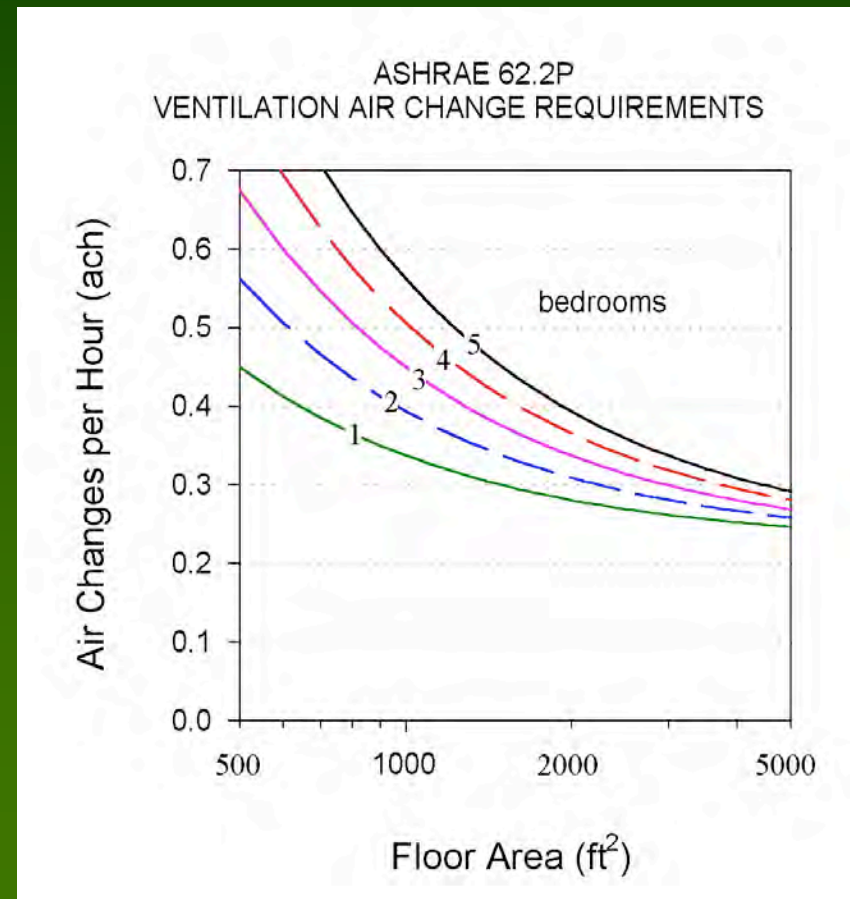
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- Building+People
  - 3 cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup>.  
(15 l/s/100 m<sup>2</sup>.)
  - + 7.5  
cfm/person (3.5  
l/s/person)
  - Count Bedrooms
- Compare w/0.35  
ACH from 62-01



10 ft<sup>2</sup>=1 m<sup>2</sup>

# NATURAL VENTILATION



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- Required in Most Rooms
- Openings
  - 4% of Floor Area
- Extra Capacity
- **Whole-House**
  - rarely
- **NOT** Local Exhaust

# MECHANICAL VENTILATION



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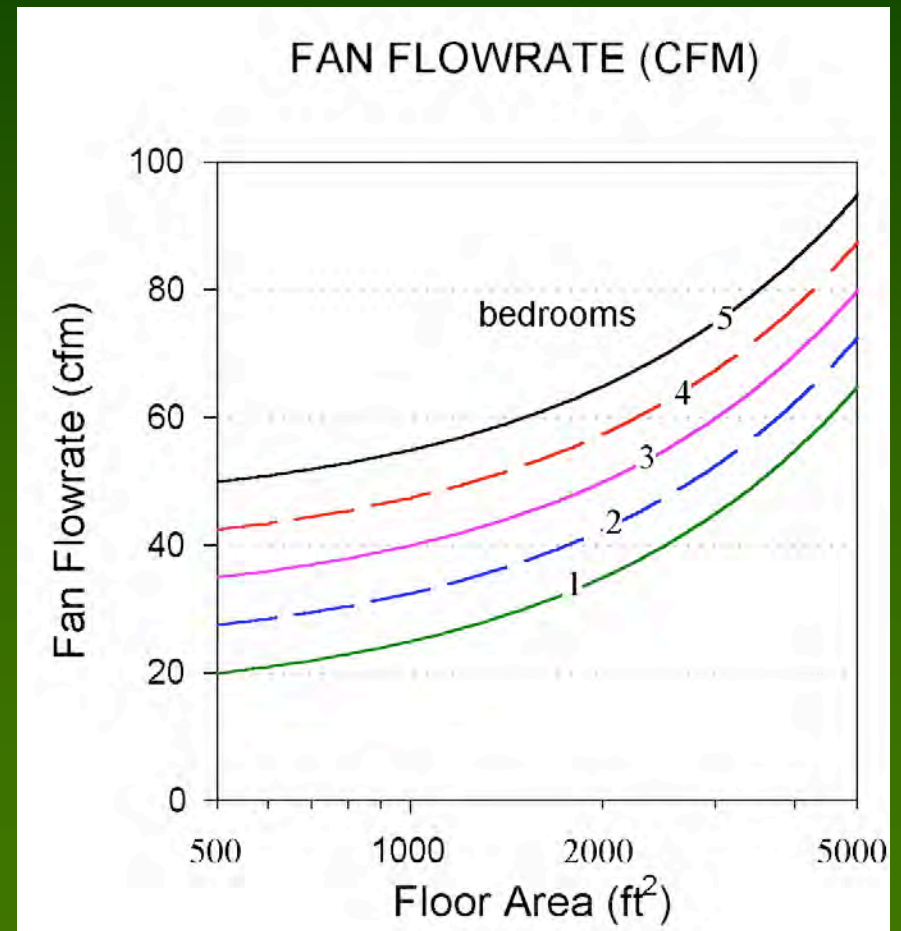
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- Building+People
  - 1 cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup>.  
(5 l/s/100 m<sup>2</sup>.)
  - +7.5  
cfm/person  
(3.5 l/s/person)
  - Count  
Bedrooms
- Control System



# INTERMITTENT VENTILATION



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- Must Cycle: At least 1 hr out of 12
- Timer to Assure Minimum On-time
  - e.g. “Fan Recycler”
- De-rate Flow if Cycle > 3 hours:

Not flexible enough



# INFILTRATION



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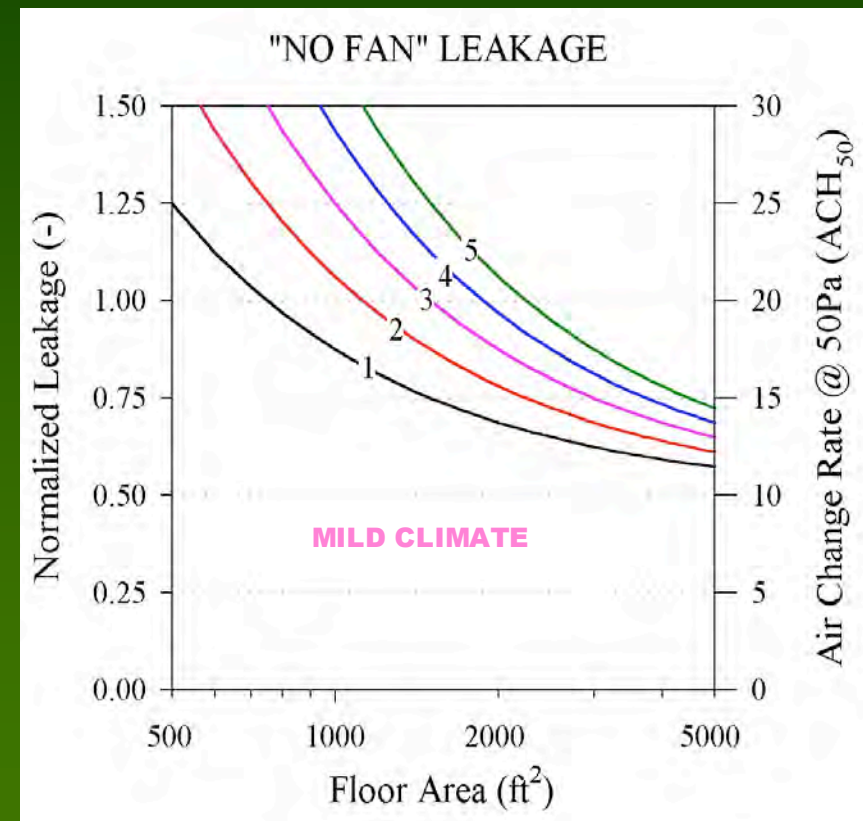
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- Default in 62.2
  - 2 cfm/100 ft<sup>2</sup>  
(10 l/s/100 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Extra Credit
  - Half of Std 136
  - Starts @ NL=.25
  - Existing only
- Implied Benchmark



Not flexible enough

10 ft<sup>2</sup>=1 m<sup>2</sup>

# MYTHS & GHOST STORIES



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- The South Needs Less Air
- Infiltration is Bad Air
  - Can be a robust and cost-effective contributor to whole-house rate
- Unbalanced Ventilation Will Rot Walls
  - Not at minimum rates
    - ❖ **Unless envelope is too tight!**

# SYSTEM TYPES



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- **Balanced System**
  - E.g. Can have HRV
- **Exhaust System**
  - E.g. Bath Fan Upgrade
- **Supply System**
  - E.g. Integrated with Air Handler

# LOCAL VENTILATION



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- Intended to Exhaust Contaminants
- For Rooms with Known Sources
  - Kitchen, Bathroom
- Normally Requires Exhaust Fan
  - Intermittent Preferred
  - Windows Restricted
- Also Rooms Have Natural Ventilation

# KITCHENS AND BATHS



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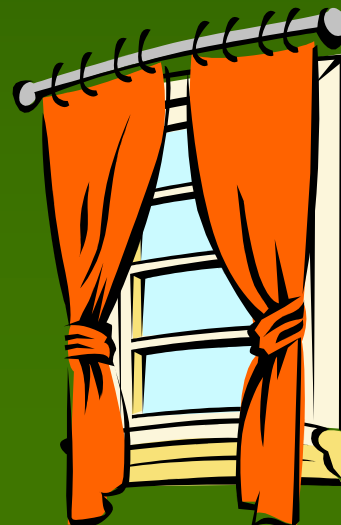
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## ➤ Kitchens

- 100 cfm (50 l/s)  
range hood or
- 5 (kitchen) ACH
- Exhaust only

## ➤ Bathrooms

- 50 cfm (25 l/s)  
capacity or
- 20 cfm (10 l/s)  
continuous
- Exhaust only



# OTHER REQUIREMENTS



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- Transfer Air
- Labeling
- Source Control
- Natural Ventilation
  - Beyond Minimum
- Ventilation Openings



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- Clothes Dryers: Exhausted to Outside
- Combustion Appliances Not Allowed in Conditioned Space
  - When sufficient exhaust fans
  - Unless Exhaust Fans Compensated
- Air Handlers in Garages Must Meet Tightness Spec.
- Particle Filtration

# SOURCES & PRESSURES



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➤ Clothes Dryers

➤ Combustion  
Appliances

➤ Outdoor Air

- Regional
- Transient

➤ Garages

- Cars
- Chemical  
Storage

# VENTILATION CAPACITY

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- Normally Satisfied By Windows
  - Fans like Bathroom if No Window
- Not Required in Toilets and Laundries

# VENTILATION OPENINGS



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- Should Not Allow (Re) entrainment
- Separation from Flues, Cars, etc.
  - 2 to 10 ft
- Natural Ventilation Openings Must Be Accessible

# PARTICLE FILTRATION



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- On Ducts > 10 ft.
- 60% for 3 micron
  - MERV 6
- Primarily to Keep Supply Air Clean
  - System as Source
- Pressure Concerns

# AIR MOVING EQUIPMENT



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- Must be Rated for Continuous Use
- Must Deliver Air Flow
- Dampers in Multi-family
- Control System
- Must be Quiet
  - 1 Sone (continuous)
  - 3 Sone (intermittent)
  - Downdraft kitchen exhaust is “special”



# CALIF. MODIFICATIONS



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- No “or equivalent” on minimum airflow
  - i.e. Mech. vent. not windows
  - ARB study shows windows not used much for IAQ control
- More Flexible “Intermittent Ventilation”
  - Use improved algorithm
  - Enables better response to peak and outdoor AQ problems

# MY SUGGESTIONS



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- Mandatory 5% Duct Leakage Limit
  - For ducts outside conditioned space
  - Limits contaminant entrainment
- Add 25 cfm to Mech. Vent
  - New CA houses are tight
  - Allows 4 hours of no vent. per day
    - ❖ Better peak performance
    - ❖ Protection against bad OAQ

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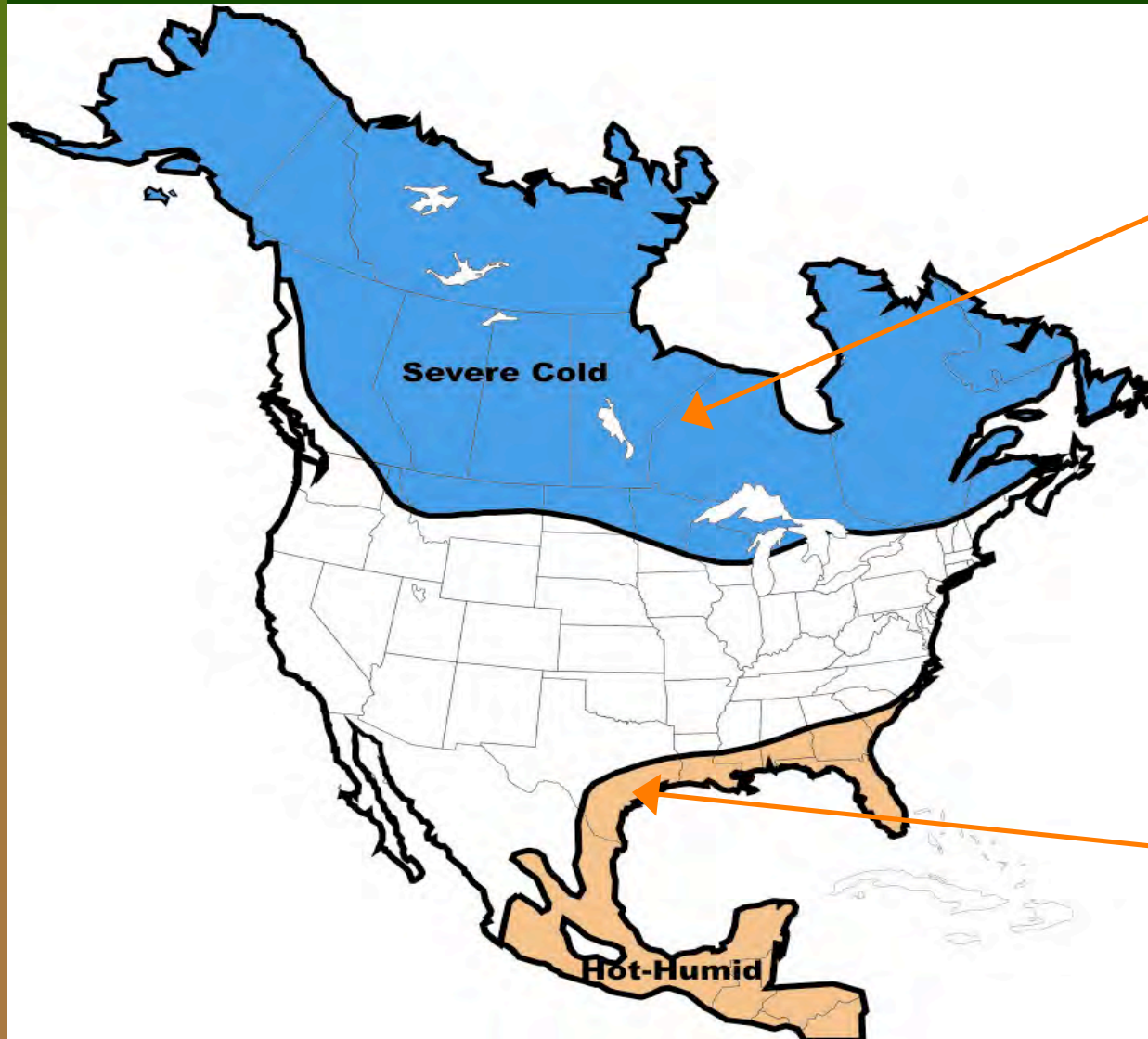
- Standard 119, 136
- Standard 52.2
  - Filtration (MERV)
- Cold/Humid Climates
- HVI 920
  - Fan Performance
- AMCA & NFGC

# (OLD) CLIMATE



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Supply  
Ventilation  
Limited

Exhaust  
Ventilation  
Limited

# COMBUSTION SAFETY



## *APPENDIX A: TEST METHOD*

- 2004 version removed backdrafting test as compliance pathway
- Naturally aspirated combustion appliances not allowed inside conditioned space if exhaust flows are too high (or vice versa).

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## REQUIRED

- Design for Operation
- Labeling of System
- Instructions to Owner/Occupant

## RECOMMENDED

### *Appendix B*

- Design Parameters
- Ventilation Equip
- Passive Operation
- Controls
- Building Envelope
- O&M Form

# HVAC SYSTEM GUIDANCE



## APPENDIX C

### ➤ Design Issues

- Climate
- Combustion
- Envelope
- Pressures
- Energy
- O&M

### ➤ System Selection

- Sizing
- Central vs. local
- Bal. vs. Supply vs. Exhaust

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- [Radon](#)
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# RADON AND SOIL GAS



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- Base Rates Cover Most Houses
- Ventilation Can Make Bad Problem Worse
- Problem Locations Need Remediation
- Radon Resistant Designs Available

# RESPIRABLE PARTICULATES



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- Std Requires Some “Good” Filtration
  - For equipment
- Consider the Source
  - System Type
  - Supplemental Filtration
  - Removal
- Usually OK

# INORGANIC COMPOUNDS



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- Normally not a Problem
- Lead & Asbestos
- Poor Response to
  - Ventilation
  - Filtration
- Source Removal or Encapsulation

# ALLERGENS



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- Identify Source
- Supplement Filtration
  - Pollen, Yes
  - Pets, No
  - Biologicals, No
- Not Ventilation
- Moisture Control = Biological Control
- 62.2 Helps

# MOISTURE AS POLLUTANT



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- Envelope Effects
  - Molds
  - Dust Mites
  - Building Damage
- 62.2 Considers Moisture Control
- Excess Sources Can be a Problem
  - Inc Intrusion



# VOCs IN HOUSEHOLD



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- Volatile Organic Compounds
  - Materials
  - Furnishings
  - Products
- Base Rates Cannot Control High Emission Rates
- Ventilation Capacity

# EXTERNAL SOURCES



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- Outdoor Pollutants
  - Ozone/Exhaust
  - Pesticides
  - Toxic Releases
- No Air Cleaning
- Short-term Rate Reduction

# (UN)USUAL ACTIVITIES



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- Pollutants From
  - Combustion
  - Hobby
  - Home-Office
- May not be Handled by Std
- Occupant Responsibility
- Guidance from 62.2

# STATUS OF 62.2



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- Published by ASHRAE 2003, 2004
  - ANSI approved
  - Users Manual almost done
- Developing Guideline Document
- On Continuous Maintenance (CM)
  - Always considering addenda
  - Next publication 2007

# GUIDELINE 24



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- Supplement to “Minimum” Standard
  - How to do better; resolve comments
- Topics Not Covered in Standards
  - Sources, control, mitigation
  - Unusual situations, populations
- Effort Initiated June, 2002
  - Working outline
  - First chapter drafts in progress

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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 This guideline provides information on achieving good indoor air quality, which may go beyond minimum requirements.

1.2 This guideline provides information relevant to ventilation and indoor air quality on envelope and system design, material selection, commissioning and installation, and operation and maintenance.

## 2 SCOPE

This guideline primarily applies to ventilation and indoor air quality for human occupancy in residential buildings 3 stories or fewer in height above grade, including manufactured and modular houses.

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- Companion to “Minimum” Standard
  - How to meet the standard
- Implementation of Std Topics
  - Nothing new just options
- Done by Outside Contractor
  - SSPC reviews work
- Intended For Sale With Standard

# VENTILATION AND ACCEPTABLE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN LOW-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

1: PURPOSE

2: SCOPE

3: DEFINITIONS

A: BACKDRAFTING

4: WHOLE BLDG VENT

B: OPERATIONS

5: LOCAL VENT.

C: SYSTEMS

6: OTHER REQ.

7: EQUIPMENT

GUIDELINE

8: REF. & CLIMATE

