Board of Building Standards

CODE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 24, 2022
TIME: 1:00 PM
LOCATION: TRAINING RM 3, 6606 TUSSING RD, REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO, 43068

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes
MIN-1 February 24, 2022 Code Committee Meeting Minutes

Petitions

Recommendations of the Residential Construction Advisory Committee

Old Business
OB-1 Rule drafting example
OB-2 Commercial Energy Code Review

New Business

Adjourn

File Attachments for Item:

MIN-1 February 24, 2022 Code Committee Meeting Minutes

OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
CODE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2022

The Code Committee met on February 24, 2022 with the following members present: Mr. Denk, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Samuelson, Mr. Stanbery, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Yankie. Board Chairman, Tim Galvin, was also present.

The following staff members were present: Regina Hanshaw, Debbie Ohler, Robert Johnson, and Jay Richards

Guest present: John Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Denk at 1:14 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stanbery made the motion to approve the minutes of the Code Committee meeting held on January 27, 2022. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

No items for consideration

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No items for consideration

OLD BUSINESS

The committee generally discussed energy code cost impacts, cost-effectiveness methodologies, energy savings, the Board's responsibilities to the citizens of Ohio, DOE determinations, and energy policy. The committee decided to continue gathering information and formulating questions. No decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No items for consideration

ADJOURN

Mr. Stanbery made the motion to adjourn at 3:17 P.M. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

File Attachments for Item:

OB-2 Commercial Energy Code Review

Significant changes 2010-2013 ASHRAE 90.1 Commercial Provisions

(Sources: ASHRAE 90.1-2013 and PNNL-SA-107200)

Building Envelope

- Modifies daylighting and several other definitions
- Limits the size of vestibules and adds specific vestibule requirements for large spaces [5.4.3.4]
- Increased stringency requirements for roofs, walls, below grade walls, slab-on-grade floors [Tables 5.5-4 and 5.5-5]
- Lowers fenestration U-factors about 18% [Tables 5.5-4 and 5.5-5]
- Limits skylight area to 3%, except to 6% if daylighting criteria are met [5.5.4.2.2]

Mechanical

- Increased equipment efficiencies for air conditioners, condensing units, heat pumps, water-chillers, boilers, cooling towers, refrigerators, and freezers [6.4.1 & Tables 6.8.1]
- Reduces occupancy threshold for demand-controlled ventilation from 40 people/1000 sq ft to 25 people/1000 sq ft [6.4.3.8]
- Adds vestibule heating controls [6.4.3.9]
- Adds direct digital control (DDC) and graphical display requirements [6.4.3.10 & Table 6.4.3.10.1]
- Adds control requirements for preheat coils [6.5.2.5]
- Adds requirements for fan efficiency and controls [6.5.3]
- Adds requirements for boiler turndown ratio and efficiency [6.5.4.1]
- Reduces system size and outdoor air thresholds for energy recovery [6.5.6]
- Adds requirements for walk-in coolers, freezers and refrigerated display cases [6.4.5 & 6.5.11]
- Adds requirements for Computer room HVAC systems and introduces the Power usage Effectiveness (PUE) [6.6]

Service Water Heating

- Increases efficiency of water-heating equipment 7.5.3 & Table 7.8]

Power

- Increases the spaces where and reduces the threshold for when plug receptacle shutoff control is required [8.4.2]
- Requires electrical energy monitoring and reporting for total electrical, HVAC systems, lighting, and receptacles [8.4.3]
- Requires separate electrical energy monitoring for buildings with tenants [8.4.3.1]
- Adds specific control requirements for guestroom switched receptacles [9.4.1.3]

Lighting

- Requires the use of certain lighting controls in more space types [9.4.1]
- Increases and clarifies requirements for daylighting and daylighting controls [9.4.1.1]
- Updates and reduces the interior and exterior lighting power densities [Table 9.5.1]
- Adds specific requirements for guest room and task lighting controls [9.4.1.3]
- Adds functional testing requirements for occupant sensors, automatic time switches, and daylight controls [9.4.3]

Other Equipment

- Adds requirements for the efficiency of general-purpose motors having power rating greater than 200 hp, but no more than 500 hp [10.4.1]
- Adds power limitations for elevator cab lighting [10.4.3.1]

- Requires escalators and moving walks to slow to minimum permitted speed when not conveying passengers [10.4.4]
- Requires whole-building energy monitoring and reporting [10.4.5.1]

Energy Cost Budget Method (ECB)

- Allows credit for on-site renewable energy but limits the credit to 5% of the calculated energy cost budget [11.4.3.1]

Appendix C (Envelope tradeoff)

- Completely revamps the methodology for the building envelope trade-off option allowed in Section 5.6

Performance Rating Method (Appendix G)- an above code program

- Numerous clarifications are added for modeling

ASHRAE 90.1-2019

The 2019 edition includes various modifications and clarifications to improve internal consistency and to standardize the structure and language of the document.

Significant changes to requirements include the following

Administration and Enforcement

- New commissioning requirements in accordance with ASHRAE/IES Standard 202 [4.2.5 and Appendix H]

Building Envelope

- Combined categories of “nonmetal framed” and “metal framed” products for vertical fenestration [Tables 5.5-0 through 5.5-8]
- Upgraded minimum criteria for SHGC and U-factor across all climate zones [Tables 5.5-0 through 5.5-8]
- Revised air leakage section to clarify compliance [5.4.3 and 5.9]
- Refined exceptions related to vestibules, added new option and associated criteria for using air curtains [5.4.3.3]

Mechanical

- New requirements to allow the option of using ASHRAE Standard 90.4 instead of ASHRAE Standard 90.1 in computer rooms that have an IT equipment load larger than 10 kW [6.6.1]
- Added pump definitions [3.2], requirements [10.4.7], and efficiency tables [10.8.6] to the standard for the first time
- New equipment efficiency requirement tables and changes to existing tables [Tables 6.8.1-1 to 6.8.1-20]
- Replaced fan efficiency grade (FEG) efficiency metric with fan energy index (FEI) [6.5.3.1.3]
- New requirements for reporting fan power for ceiling fans and updated requirements for fan motor selections to increase design options for load-matching variable-speed fan applications [6.5.3.1.2]
- New energy recovery requirements for high-rise residential building [3.2 and 6.5.6]
- New requirement for condenser heat recovery for acute care inpatient hospitals [6.5.6.3]

Lighting

- Modified lighting power allowances for Space-by-Space Method and the Building Area Method [Tables 9.6.1 and 9.5.1]
- New simplified method for lighting for contractors and designers of renovated office buildings and retail buildings up to 25,000 ft2 (2300 m2). [9.3 and Table 9.3.1-1]
- Updated lighting control requirements for parking garages to account for the use of LEDs [9.4.1.2]
- Updated daylight responsive requirements, added definition for “continuous dimming” based on NEMA LSD-64-2014 [3.2 and 9.4.1.1]
- Clarified side-lighting requirements and associated exceptions [9.4.1.1]

Energy Cost Budget (ECB) Method (Section 11)

- Numerous changes to ensure continuity
- Set baseline for on-site electricity generation systems [11.4.3.1 and 11.4.3.2]

Performance Rating Method (Appendix G)

- Clarified Appendix G rules and corresponding baseline efficiency requirement when combining multiple thermal zones into a single thermal block
- New explicit heating and cooling COPs without fan for baseline packaged cooling equipment
- New rules for modeling impact of automatic receptacle controls [Table G3.1 #12]
- Set more specific baseline rules for infiltration modeling
- Clarified how plant and coil sizing should be performed
- Updated building performance factors

Both Compliance Paths

- Clearer, more specific rules for treatment of renewables [G2.4.1]
- New updates to rules for lighting modeling

Significant changes 2012→2015 IECC Commercial Provisions

(Sources: PNNL-SA-107200 and ESL-TR-14-11-02 Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory)

Definitions

- Adds or modifies definitions of “Air Curtain”, “Alteration”, “Approved Agency”, “Boiler, Modulating”, “Boiler System”, “Bubble Point”, “Circulating Hot Water System”, “Computer Room”, “Condensing Unit”, “Conditioned Space”, “Continuous Insulation”, “Daylight Responsive Control”, “Daylight Zone”, “Fan Efficiency Grade”, “Fenestration”, “Floor Area, Net”, “General Purpose Electric Motor”, “Greenhouse”, “Hight Speed Door”, “Historic Building”, “Liner System” , “Low Sloped Roof”, “Low-voltage Dry-Type Distribution Transformer”, “Occupant Sensor Control”, “Opaque Door”, “Powered Roof/Wall Ventilator”, “Radiant Heating System”, “Refrigerant Dew Point”, “Refrigerated Warehouse Cooler”, “Refrigerated Warehouse Freezer”, “Refrigeration System”, “Repair”, “Reroofing”, “Roof Recover”, “Roof Replacement”, “Rooftop Monitor”, “Saturated Condensing Temperature”, “Small Electric Motor”, “Time-Switch Control”, “Variable Refrigerant Flow System”, “Walk-in Cooler”, “Walk-in Freezer”, “Wall, Above-grade”, “Wall, Below-Grade”, “Water Heater”

Building Envelope

- Adds an exception for greenhouses [C402.1.1]
- Increased stringency for roof insulation installed entirely above roof deck [Table C402.1.3]
- Increased stringency for SHGC of vertical fenestration [C402.4.3]
- Expanded requirements to calculate U-factors of walls with cold-formed steel, aged roof reflectance and provisions for rooms containing fuel burning appliances [C402.5]
- Mandatory skylight threshold reduced from 10K to 2.5K square feet [C402.4.2]

Mechanical

- Improved efficiency requirements for HVAC equipment performance [Table C403.2.3(1)-C403.2.3(10)]
- Added efficiency requirements for air-conditioning units serving computer rooms [Table C403.2.3(9)]
- Elaborated and added provisions for HVAC system controls which include: requirement for zone isolation [C403.2.4.4]; and requirement of economizer fault detection [C403.2.4.7]
- Added specifications for hot water boiler outdoor temperature setback control [C403.2.5]
- Updated provisions for energy recovery ventilation systems whose requirements are now based on the number of hour’s ventilations systems operate [C403.2.7]
- Introduced specifications for kitchen exhaust systems [C403.2.8]
- Updated requirements for duct and plenum insulation and sealing [C403.2.9]
- Introduced fan efficiency requirements [C403.2.12.3]
- Added specifications for commercial refrigeration equipment [C403.2.15 and C403.5]
- Updated provisions for air and water economizers, which include added requirements for the efficient operation of these systems [C403.3]
- Updated provisions for complex mechanical systems serving multiple zones, which include updated specifications for fan controls, heat rejection equipment and hot gas bypass limitations [C403.4]

Service Water Heating

- Added performance efficiencies for certain categories of service hot water systems [Table C404.2]
- Revises and clarifies the requirements for insulation of piping [C404.4]

- Added information for implementation of efficient heated water supply piping, heated water circulating and temperature maintenance system, demand recirculation controls, drain water heat recovery systems and energy requirements of portable spas [C404.5]
- Improved specifications for energy consumption of pools and permanent spas [C404.9]
- Added commissioning requirements for hot water systems [C404.11]

Lighting and Power

- Additional provisions for lighting controls, which include the added requirement of occupant sensor controls [C405.2.1]
- New exterior and warehouse lighting control requirements [C405.2.1.2]
- Revised daylighting zone controls [C405.2.3]
- New Hotel/motel sleeping and guest suite lighting controls [C405.2.4 #3]
- Updated lighting power densities for different building area types [Tables C405.4.2]
- Specifies non-tradable components of exterior lighting [C405.5.1]
- Requires a separate meter for each Group R-2 dwelling unit [C405.6]
- Adds federal minimum efficiency requirements for electric transformers [C405.7]
- Adds federal minimum efficiency requirements for electric motors [C405.8]
- Regulates elevator cab luminaires, ventilation fans, and controls [C405.9.1]
- Requires automatic speed control and a variable frequency regenerative drive for escalators [C405.9.2]

Other Equipment

Additional Efficiency Package Options

- Adds new options for more efficient HVAC equipment performance, for reduced lighting power densities, for enhanced digital lighting controls, for dedicated outdoor air systems, and for reduced energy use in service water systems [C406.1]

Total Building Performance

- No significant changes made to this section

Commissioning

- Adds commissioning requirements and documentation submittal requirements for lighting control systems including occupant sensor controls, time control switches, and daylight responsive controls [C408.3.1]

Existing Buildings

- Moved all existing building requirements from Chapter [CE] 1 to a new Chapter [CE] 5
- Historic buildings now partially covered [C501.6]
- Replacement fenestration covered [C401.2.1]
- Requires full upgrade of roofing insulation when re-roofing [C503.1]
- Roof replacement exempt from air barrier requirements [C503.1 Exception 6]

Significant changes 2018-2021 IECC Commercial Provisions

[Sources: IECC 2021]

- Changes climate zone maps resulting in 15 Ohio counties moving from Climate Zone 5 to Climate Zone 4
- Requires an insulation certificate identifying the installed R-value of insulation when the insulation of the manufacturer is not readily observable upon inspection
- Requires that a Thermal Envelope Certificate be posted in an approved location
- Clarifies and relocates all "Mandatory" and "Prescriptive" labels to a table

Definitions

- Adds or modifies definitions of "Biogas", "Biomass", "Data Center", "Data Center Systems", "Direct Digital Control", "Enthalpy Recovery Ratio", "Embedded Fan", "Fan Array", "Fan Energy Index (FEI)", "Fan Nameplate Electrical Input Power", "Fan System Electrical Input Power", "Fault Detection and Diagnostics (FDD) System", "Information Technology Equipment (ITE)", "Internal Curtain System", "Large Diameter Ceiling Fan", "On-Site Renewable Energy", "Renewable Energy Resources", "Testing Unit Enclosure Area", "Thermal Distribution Efficiency (TDE)", "Vegetative Roof", "Visible Transmittance, Annual", and "Wall, Above-Grade"

Building Envelope

- Increased envelope stringency and clarity for conditioned greenhouses [C402.1.1.1]
- Allows certain electric equipment buildings up to 1200 ft^2 to be exempt from envelope requirements [C402.1.2]
- Recognizes and provides guidance for layered cavity insulation [C402.1.3]
- Increased stringency requirements for attic insulation, above-grade and below-grade walls, and unheated slabs [Tables C402.1.3 and C402.1.4]
- Clarifies U-factor and R-factor insulation requirements at roofs, particularly tapered above-deck insulation [C402.1.4.1 & C402.2.1]
- Adds limit of maximum of 25% glazing area for garage door [Table C402.1.4, note i]
- Increases stringency of U-values and SHGC for fenestration in CZ 4 and CZ 5 [Table C402.4]
- Clarifies skylight requirements [C402.4.2]
- Removes R-values for doors and prescribes maximum U-factors and glazing area for non-swinging doors [C402.4.5]
- Requires either air barrier inspection and commissioning or enclosure testing to verify envelope performance of buildings and provides testing methodologies [C402.5]
- Requires HVAC interlock with operable openings that are greater than 40 ft^2 and provides a few exceptions (separately zoned commercial kitchens, warehouses, and outside vestibule doors) [C402.5.11]

Mechanical

- Exempts data center systems from control and economizer requirements [C403.1]
- Requires that data center systems comply with ASHRAE 90.4 (with a few modifications) [C403.1.2]
- Requires large HVAC systems (serving $\geq$100,000 ft^2) in new buildings to provide a fault detection and diagnostics system [C403.2.3]
- Updates HVAC equipment efficiency tables (some efficiencies to go into effect on January 1, 2023) for air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces, boilers, chillers, cooling towers, condensers, and computer room AC [Tables C403.3.2(1) - C403.3.2(16)]
- Clarifies heat pump control requirements [C403.4.1.1]

- Clarifies that automatic stop controls are also required for HVAC systems [C403.4.2.3]
- Requires two-position valve for hydronic heat pump systems to be automatic and interlocked [C403.4.3.3.3]
- Adds a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) exception to economizer requirements [C403.5]
- Requires Demand Control Ventilation (DCV) whenever economizers are required [C403.7.1]
- Increases number of enclosed parking garages that will require detection and controls [C403.7.2]
- Prescribes specific enthalpy recovery ratios for dwelling unit energy recovery systems [C403.7.4.1]
- Differentiates control requirements for hotel and motels (Group R-1) based upon occupancy status of rooms and changes time-out time from 30 minutes to 20 minutes [C403.7.6]
- Requires fans and fan arrays to have a Fan Energy Index (FEI) certified IAW AMCA 208 [C403.8.3]
- Prescribes minimum efficiencies of low-capacity residential-type fans [C403.8.5]
- Recognizes Large-diameter ceiling fans [C403.9]
- Adds performance requirements for commercial refrigerators, freezers, walk-in coolers, walk-in refrigerators and refrigeration equipment [C403.11]
- Clarifies insulation requirements for underground ducts [C403.12.1]
- Prescribes control system operation for operable opening interlocks [C403.14]

Service Water Heating

- Increases minimum efficiency for large (1 M Btu/h input) individual water heating equipment to 92% [C404.2.1]

Lighting

- Clarifies what is meant by “general lighting” [C405.1]
- Requires corridor lighting to be reduced to minimum levels (no more than 50% full power) when unoccupied [C405.2.1.1 & C405.2.1.4]
- Adds a section for “warehouse storage areas” and requires occupant sensor controls [C405.2.1.2]
- Clarifies intent of light reduction control requirements [C405.2.3]
- Adds additional control requirements for the secondary side lit daylight zone [C405.2.4.2]
- Adds control requirements for parking lot luminaires [C405.2.7.3]
- Adds control requirements for parking garage lighting [C405.2.8]
- Clarifies lighting power allowance calculations, especially for projects that involve only a portion of a building and for exterior lighting [C405.3.2 & C405.5.2]]
- Interior and exterior lighting power allowance have been modified to reflect new lighting levels in the IES lighting handbook and to recognize LED technology [Tables C405.3.2(1), C405.3.2(2), and C405.4.2(2)]
- Recognizes the high energy use of plant growth lighting and requires 95% of permanent luminaires to have a minimum photon efficiency of 1.6 m mol/J [C405.4]

Power

- Limits the combined voltage drop of customer-owned service conductors, feeder conductors and branch circuits to 5% [C405.10]
- Requires automatic receptacle control of at least 50% of 125V, 15 and 20 amp receptacles in offices, conference rooms, copy/print rooms, breakrooms, classrooms, and modular workstations and 25% of branch circuit feeders for modular furniture not shown on plans [C405.11]
- Requires new buildings with $\geq$ 25,000 ft^2 to be provided with an energy monitoring system [C405.12]

Other Equipment

- Requires that escalators be designed to recover more electrical energy than is consumed when resisting overspeed in the down direction [C405.9.2.1]

Additional Efficiency Requirements [C406]

- Requires at least 10 credits by adding additional energy efficient features to the building. The credits are determined from newly added tables arranged by occupancy classification [C406.1]
- Modifies more efficient HVAC option [C406.2]
- Modifies reduced lighting power option [C406.3]
- Modifies the basic renewable energy option [C406.5]
- Adds options for energy monitoring systems, if not otherwise required [C406.10]
- Adds options for fault detection system, if not otherwise required [C406.11]
- Adds options for efficient kitchen equipment [C406.12]

Total Building Performance

- Provides a new table that outlines the code requirements that must be met when using the Total Building Performance method [Table C407.2]

Commissioning

- Allows an "approved agency" or a qualified commissioning professional to perform the commissioning activities [C408.3.1]

Existing Buildings

- Reorganizes and clarifies requirements
- Clarifies that commissioning is required for new lighting and power systems [C502.3.6]

Significant changes 2013-2016 ASHRAE 90.1 Commercial Provisions

[Sources: ASHRAE 90.1-2016 and PNNL-SA-127543]

- Standard reformatted for ease of use
- New Climate maps (to align with ASHRAE 169) [5.1.4.1]
    - 16 Ohio counties will change from Zone 5A to Zone 4A [Annex 1]
- Adds a new path to demonstrate compliance – Performance Rating Method [4.2.1.1 (c) and Appendix G]

Building Envelope

- Air Leakage Verification requirements added [5.4.3.1.3 and 5.9.2.2]
    - Whole building pressurization test for air leakage
    - Continuous air barrier installation inspection and verification during construction
- Increased testing requirements for air leakage of overhead coiling doors [A7.1]
- Increased stringency requirements for fenestration and opaque doors [Table 5.5-4, Table 5.5-5, and 5.5.3.6]
- Clarified topics such as building orientation [5.5.4.5], default assumptions for the effective R-value of air spaces [A9.4.2], and calculation procedures for insulating metal building walls [A3.2.2, Table A3.2.3, A9.4.6]

Mechanical

- Increased equipment efficiencies for chillers, heat pumps, computer room AC, Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS), Rooftop AC, Cooling Towers, and Variable Refrigerant Flow
- Clarified that control must be “configured to” meet the requirements, not just be “capable of” meeting the requirements [throughout]
- New HVAC set point and fan control requirements for hotel and motels with greater than 50 guest rooms [6.4.3.3.5]
- Adds HVAC control requirements for cooled vestibules [6.4.3.9]
- Large, electric-driven chilled-water plants are required to be monitored for electric energy use and efficiency [6.4.3.11]
- Air-cooled DX cooling units with economizers are required to have a Fault Detection and Diagnostics (FDD) monitoring system to determine that the air economizer is working properly [6.4.3.12]
- Adds control requirements for return and relief fans [6.5.3.2.4]
- Adds control requirements for parallel-flow fan-powered VAV air terminals [6.5.3.4]
- Dedicated outdoor air systems (DOAS) now include both efficiency and rating requirements for compliance [6.5.3.7]
- Adds pump flow control requirements for chilled and hot water hydronic piping distribution systems [6.5.4.2]
- Adds new requirements for the selection of chilled-water cooling coils [6.5.4.7]
- Prescribes motor fan speed controls for heat-rejection devices [6.5.5.2]
- Adds new requirements for transfer air delivered to a space having mechanical exhaust [6.5.7]

Service Water Heating

- Adds a new requirement for insulation of the first 8 ft of branch piping connections to recirculated, heat traced, or impedance heated service hot-water piping systems [7.4.3]

Power

- Limits the combined voltage drop of feeder conductors and branch circuits to 5% [8.4.1]
- Increased three-phase transformer efficiencies [Table 8.4.4]

Lighting

- Interior and exterior lighting power allowance have been modified (reduced) to reflect new lighting levels in the IES lighting handbook and to recognize LED technology [9.2.2.3 and 9.4.2]
- Lighting control requirements have been modified to add additional controls in some space types and options to others to allow easier application of advanced controls [9.4.1]
    - Reduce exterior lighting power by 50% (previously was 30%) during periods of inactivity or after business hours [9.4.1.4]
    - Certain outdoor parking areas required to reduce power by 50% during periods of inactivity [9.4.1.4]
- Adds a requirement that 75% of permanently installed dwelling unit lighting fixtures use high efficacy lamps [9.4.4]

Other Equipment

- Updates electric motor terminology, adds exceptions, and adds efficiency tables consistent with federal regulations [10.4.1]
- Elevator efficiency specifications are required to be provided on design documents, including both usage category and energy efficiency class. While a minimum threshold is not listed, the first step is taken toward including minimum elevator efficiency requirements in a future standard [10.4.3.4]

Energy Cost Budget Method (ECB)

No significant changes

Performance Rating Method (Appendix G)

- Appendix G now can be used as a path for compliance with the standard. Previously, Appendix G was used only to rate beyond-code performance of buildings
- The proposed design requires computation of a new metric, Performance Cost Index (PCI), and demonstration that it is less than that shown in Table 4.2.1.1, based on building type and climate zone
- The baseline design is now fixed at a certain level of performance, the stringency or baseline of which is expected not to change with subsequent versions of the standard. In this way, a building of any era can be rated using the same method
- Other modifications to Appendix G include changes to elevator, motor, and refrigeration baselines; changes to the baseline for existing building projects; and changes to specific opaque assemblies for the baseline envelope model. Modeling rule changes were made to heat pump auxiliary heat, economizer shutoff, lighting controls, humidification systems, cooling towers, and the simulation of preheat coils

Significant changes 2015-2018 IECC Commercial Provisions

[Sources: IECC 2018 and PNNL-SA-127543]

- Made several editorial changes to eliminate the use of the word “Accessible” (if not associated with the IBC Chapter 11 meaning of “Accessible”).
- Clarifies that commissioning is mandatory for all mechanical and hot water heating systems
- Adds additional as-built energy code documentation and owner training requirements for all buildings (typically part of the commissioning documents) …these documents must be submitted to the owner within 90 days of receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy
- Enhanced the section for required energy code inspections

Definitions

- Adds or modifies definitions of “Access (to)”, “Air Barrier”, “Captive Key Override”, “Computer Room”, “Demand Recirculation Water System”, “Group R”, “IEC Design H Motor”, “IEC Design N Motor”, “Isolation Devices”, “Luminaire-level Lighting Controls”, “NEMA Design A Motor”, “NEMA Design B Motor”, “NEMA Design C Motor”, “Networked Guestroom Control System”, “Ready Access (to)”, and “Voltage Drop”

Building Envelope

- Increased stringency requirements for heated slabs [Tables C402.1.3 and C402.1.4]
- Adds maximum U-values for garage door glazing [Table C402.1.4]
- Requires 2 staggered layers of insulation board when continuous roof insulation is installed. Also provides a new exceptions for around roof drains [C402.2.1]
- Clarifies requirements for mass walls and mass floors [C402.2.2 and C402.2.3]
- Restores section on below-grade walls [C402.2.5]
- Adds a section on airspaces [C402.2.7]
- Decreases the SHGC for fenestration in Climates zones 4 and 5 [Table C402.4]
- Raises the allowable skylight area from 5% to 6% with daylight controls [C402.4.1.2]
- Clarified topics such as sliding doors [Table C402.5.2], rooms containing fuel-burning appliances [C402.5.3], loading dock weather seals [C402.5.6]

Mechanical

- Section 403 (Building Mechanical Systems) reorganized for ease of use
- Clarifies that HVAC equipment shall not be oversized [C403.3.1]
- Eliminates outdated federal equipment efficiencies for air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces, boilers, chillers, cooling towers, and computer room AC [Tables C403.3.2(1) - C403.3.2(10)]
- Clarified that control must be “configured to” meet the requirements, not just be “capable of” meeting the requirements [throughout]
- Clarifies that many controls requirements are “Mandatory” [throughout]
- Adds HVAC control requirements for heated or cooled vestibules [C403.4.1.4]
- Adds pump flow control requirements for chilled and hot water hydronic piping distribution systems [C403.4.3.3.2 and C403.4.4]
- Adds exceptions to economizer requirements [C403.5]
- Adds a section requiring VAV with zone controls for multiple-zone systems [C403.6.1]
- Adds control requirements for parallel-flow fan-powered VAV air terminals [C403.6.7]
- Increases the threshold design airflow rate at which energy recovery is required [Table C403.7.4(2)]
- New HVAC set point and fan control requirements for hotel and motels (Group R-1) with greater than 50 guest rooms [C403.7.6]

- Provides an allowable hp exception for fans less than or equal to 5 hp [C403.8.1]
- Prescribes motor fan speed controls for heat-rejection devices [C403.9]
- Adds federal efficiency requirements for walk-in coolers and freezers to be in effect in 2020 [C403.10.2.1]

Service Water Heating

- Increased federal water heater efficiencies [Table C404.2]

Lighting

- Adds a section for "open plan office areas" and requires occupant sensor controls [C405.2.1.3]
- Adds exceptions for lighting controls for dwelling units [C405.2.4 #3] and patient rooms [C 405.2.4 #2]
- Interior and exterior lighting power allowance have been modified (reduced) to reflect new lighting levels in the IES lighting handbook and to recognize LED technology [Tables C405.3.2(1), C405.3.2(2), and C405.4.2(2)]
- Lighting control requirements have been modified to add additional controls in some space types and options to others to allow easier application of advanced controls [C405.2]
    - Reduce exterior lighting power by 30% during periods of inactivity or after business hours [C405.2.6.3]
- Adds a requirement that 90% of permanently installed dwelling unit lighting fixtures use high efficacy lamps [C405.1]

Power

- Limits the combined voltage drop of feeder conductors and branch circuits to 5% [C405.9]

Other Equipment

- Updates electric motor terminology, adds exceptions, and adds efficiency tables consistent with federal regulations [C405.7]
- Adds an exception to allow a variable voltage drive in lieu of automatic speed control for escalators that are not conveying passengers [C405.8.2]

Additional Efficiency Package Options

- Adds options for enhanced envelope performance as determined by UA analysis [C406.8]
- Adds options for reduced air infiltration as determined by whole building air leakage testing [C406.9]

Total Building Performance

- Limits the amount of credit allowed for on-site renewable energy [C407.3]
- Limits the amount of credit allowed for renewable energy purchased from off-site sources [C407.3]

Commissioning

- Requires that building operations and maintenance documents be provided to the owner
- Requires a completed "Commissioning Compliance Checklist" with the "Preliminary Commissioning Report"

Existing Buildings

- Provides exceptions for Changes in Space Conditioning and for Changes of Occupancy