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## AIR QUALITY

# STANDARDS

Intent: To ensure a basic level of high indoor air quality.

01: Air quality standards

## BACKGROUND

Pollutants generated indoors can lead to a variety of symptoms and health conditions. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) ([/glossary#Volatile\\_Organic\\_Compounds\\_VOCs](#)), combustion byproducts, and airborne particulate matter ([/glossary#Particulate\\_Matter](#)) are known to trigger asthma ([/glossary#Asthma](#)), respiratory irritation and allergies. While ambient outdoor air quality, natural ventilation methods, operable doors and windows, and general building envelope ([/glossary#Building\\_Envelope](#)) infiltration can diminish indoor air quality if external air quality parameters are poor.

A complex mixture of elements including carbon, salts, mineral and dust particles, and water that coagulate to form solids and globules.

## PART 1

# Standards for Volatile Substances

The following conditions are met:

- a.<sup>1</sup> Formaldehyde levels less than 27 ppb.
- b.<sup>1</sup> Total volatile organic compounds less than 500  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

## PART 2

# Standards for Particulate Matter and Inorganic Gases

The following conditions are met:

- a.<sup>2</sup> Carbon monoxide less than 9 ppm.
- b.<sup>2</sup>  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  less than 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .
- c.<sup>3</sup>  $\text{PM}_{10}$  less than 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .
- d.<sup>3</sup> Ozone less than 51 ppb.

## PART 3

# Radon

The following conditions are met in projects with regularly occupied spaces at or below grade:

- a.<sup>4</sup> Radon less than 0.148 Bq/L [4 pCi/L] in the lowest occupied level of the project.

## PART 4

# Operational Kitchen Air Quality

The following air quality concentrations are met in the commercial kitchen space:

- a.<sup>2</sup> Carbon monoxide levels less than 35 ppm.

- b.<sup>2</sup> PM<sub>2.5</sub> less than 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .
- c.<sup>2</sup> Nitrogen dioxide less than 100 ppb.
- d.<sup>129</sup> Formaldehyde less than 81 ppb.