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Section 403.3

Question:

Is it the intent of the modification to the wording on note "h" in Table 403.3 to change the requirements for Nail Salons or to Clarify the existing 2007 Mechanical Code requirements?

Answer

Yes. There is an increase to 50 CFM per station. The source capture system is required IN ADDITION to the other 403.3 requirements for nail salons. A ventilation table OR other exhaust system that captures the odors or contaminants at the source can be used to achieve code compliance.

Commentary:

This section is referencing the fact that some nail tables have a built-in exhaust system as part of the table design. Otherwise, the exhaust system could be any other system which can capture the odors or contaminants at the source which is at the table height not at the ceiling level. The exhaust must be a minimum of 50 CFM's per station. The 2010 FMC 403.3 clarifies and emphasizes the requirement for capturing the odors or contaminants at the source.

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