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Section 443.3.7.2

Question:

Is it the intent of 443.3.7.2 to maintain a uniform lighting level between 40 and 50 foot-candles throughout a room?

Answer

No, the code sets a minimum of 40 foot-candle level at the task level (desk), it does not set a maximum level. Section 443.3.7.1 requires a minimum of 40 foot-candles at the desk. Section 443.3.7.2 indicates the illumination level at the walls be within 10 foot-candles of that required at the desk.

Commentary:

In no way does the code set the maximum light level at 50 foot-candles. The code only sets the minimum level.

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