



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section C408.2

Question:

Is it the intent of C408.2 to require commissioning the HVAC systems in an existing building, if the entire building exceeds 480 MBtuh, but the current scope of work affects components that are less than 480 MBtuh?

Answer

The applicable Code here is the Existing Building Code.

Assuming the tenant improvement is considered a Level 2

Alteration, per 2014 Existing Building Section 811.1, only

the alteration needs to comply with the Energy Code. If the

altered portion of the building is less than 480,000 BTUH,

no commissioning is required by the Existing Buildings

volume. Having said that, we cannot simply ignore the fact

that the FBC-Energy Conservation volume addresses existing

buildings as well as the FBC-EB. A code change to coordinate

the two volumes is probably necessary. With that said,

Section C101.4.3 addresses the situation and basically says

the code applies to what is being worked on and is not used

to require unaltered portions of the building or building

system to comply. Therefore, from the requester's comment it sounds as though the system being altered is less than the threshold requiring commissioning here as well.

Commentary:

None

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