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Section 404.1.2

Question:

Is it the intent of the 5th Edition code to eliminate or change the minimum threshold of 25 ppm CO that would automatically activate a garage ventilation system as mandated by prior codes? If so, what would be an appropriate activation threshold of the CO detection devices?

Is the intent for the activation level to be at the discretion the Engineer of Record and/or the Building Official?

Answer

The threshold is not in Section 404.1.2.

Commentary:

The selected product needs to be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. If the manufacturer (and the product listing) of a detector contemplates its use as an activation device for a garage ventilation system, and if the manufacturer's instructions are followed, the installation would be in compliance with 404.1.2.

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