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Section 403.3

Question:

Is it the intent of Table 403.3 FBC14 Mechanical to not require outdoor air for occupants in a commercial kitchen.

Answer

No. Please see the attached commentary

Commentary:

Since exhaust is required, the air that is exhausted must be replaced with outdoor air, or air (a subset of which is outside air) may be transferred from adjacent spaces. This is the mechanism by which outside air is introduced. Generally, commercial kitchen exhaust quantities are so great, that more than adequate ventilation is made available to the occupants of the kitchen.

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