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Section 440.14 NEC & 110.26 NEC

Question:

Section 440.14 requires the A/C disconnect to be "readily accessible", it also references 110.26 in the informational notes. Does section 110.26 for working space requirements apply to this A/C disconnect or are they permitted to be readily accessible in the opinion of the inspector?

Answer

2017 NEC 110.26 does not specifically mention disconnects. 440.14 requires disconnects for A/C equipment to be within sight and readily accessible. Readily Accessible is defined as capable of being reached quickly for operation without having to use tools or removing or climbing over or under obstacles. If the disconnect mentioned can be accessed without climbing over or under the unit or any other obstacle, then it would comply.

Commentary:

if the disconnect is just a pull out then 110.26 would not apply as a pullout type disconnect does not typically require service "while energized" as stated in the code section, if utilizing a breaker for the disconnect that might require service then 110.26 applies.

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