



Department of Permitting Services
Division of Building Construction
 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850

CODE INTERPRETATION/POLICY

Policy Name: Computer Room Ventilation		
Code/Year International Mechanical Code (IMC) 2009	Section of Code Table 403.3	Title of Code Section/Subsection Minimum Ventilation Rates
<p>Statement/Background of Issue</p> <p>Table 403.3 of the 2009 IMC under the heading of workrooms requires computer rooms (without printing) to be ventilated with a minimum five CFM per person of ventilation at a density of four people per thousand square feet. In addition it requires .06 CFM of ventilation air per square foot of breathing zone area.</p> <p>The IMC does not define what a computer room is therefore it has become necessary to clearly define and set as policy the divisions' interpretation of a computer room.</p>		
<p>Division Interpretation/Policy</p> <p>In order to clarify what constitutes as a computer room the division has defined the area as any space containing computers, servers, telecommunications, or other electronic equipment utilized for daily operations. Such spaces shall be ventilated in accordance with table 403.3 of the 2009 IMC and shall not be exempt due to intermittent occupancy.</p>		
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