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Make-up Ventilation Air Source Requirements

Code: 2012 Mechanical Code

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Section: 403.2

Question:

Does the Mechanical Code allow required make-up ventilation air to be obtained from an attic or crawl space?

Answer:

No, Section 403.2 requires that the minimum required ventilation air be provided directly from the outdoors. Make-up air to satisfy minimum ventilation air requirements of Table 403.3 shall not be obtained from an attic or crawl space. Make-up air from these sources is of questionable air quality.

Keywords:

Required outdoor ventilation air