**Interpretation:** Unvented Combustion Appliance Removal for Air Tightness Work Scope

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**Reference:**

Standard \_\_\_\_MINHERS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Relating to: \_\_\_\_\_\_Removal of unvented combustion appliances\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Background Statement:** *Provided by person requesting the interpretation.*

803.3.3 states, “If unvented combustion appliances are not removed or replaced with vented combustion appliances or electric appliances, the work scope shall not specify measures that affect the air tightness of the envelope, including air sealing, duct sealing, sidewall insulation, or window replacements.” The category of unvented combustion appliances includes gas stoves and ovens. The standard does not specifically exclude these from this statement about the work scope. However, my assumption would be that the statement in question is not referring to ranges and ovens, but just to unvented combustion appliances that are used for heating. ANSI/ACCA 12 QH Appendix A uses the term, “unvented heating combustion appliances” to specify just heating appliances

**Proposed Interpretation:** *Provided by person requesting the interpretation.*

The section 803.3.3 statement, “If unvented combustion appliances are not removed or replaced with vented combustion appliances or electric appliances, the work scope shall not specify measures that affect the air tightness of the envelope, including air sealing, duct sealing, sidewall insulation, or window replacements.”, applies only to unvented combustion appliances that are not used solely for cooking.

**SDC Response:**

Is the proposed interpretation correct? Yes

**SDC Comments:**

The proposed interpretation adds clarity to the original intent.

This continuous maintenance version of the MINHERS states:

"803.3.3  If unvented combustion appliances are not removed or replaced with vented combustion appliances or electric appliances, the work scope shall not specify measures that affect the air tightness of the envelope, including air sealing, duct sealing, sidewall insulation, or window replacements. Duct sealing outside the thermal envelope may be specified in IECC climate zones 1-3. "