

ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Addendum a to
ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 211-2018 (RA2023)**

Standard for Commercial Building Energy Audits

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Industry uses ASHRAE energy audits as a basis for decarbonization. This change to the title, purpose, and scope will allow SSPC 211 to provide the needed guidance to industry for definitions and level of rigor for decarbonization assessments in addition to energy audits.

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Addendum a to Standard 211-2018 (RA2023)

Modify the title as shown.

Standard for Commercial Building Energy Audits and Decarbonization Assessments

Modify the purpose and scope as shown.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard is to establish consistent practices for conducting and reporting energy audits and decarbonization assessments for commercial buildings.

This standard:

- a. defines the procedures required to perform ~~Energy Audit Levels 1, 2, and 3~~ all levels of energy audits and decarbonization assessments,
- b. provides a common scope of work for these ~~audit~~ levels for use by building owners and others,
- c. establishes consistent methodology and minimum rigor of analysis required, and
- d. establishes minimum reporting requirements for the results of energy audits and decarbonization assessments

2. SCOPE

2.1 This standard applies to all buildings except single-family houses, multifamily structures of three stories or fewer above grade, manufactured houses (mobile homes), and manufactured houses (modular).

2.2 Decarbonization assessments covered by this standard address Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions and exclude Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions.

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