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To: SMACNA Members
From: Technical Resources Department
Subject: **UPDATE** on HVAC Duct Sealant Usage Requirements on USGBC LEED® Projects

The following bulletin is an update to TRB #4-09 issued March 27, 2009 with the Subject: HVAC Duct Sealant Usage Requirements on USGBC LEED® Projects.

In response to the following Credit Interpretation Request (CIR): **"How does a project team classify duct sealants for application under EQc4.1?"** the USGBC issued the following ruling: **"Project teams may classify duct sealants under "Other", as listed in the SCAQMD VOC Limits table."**

The category of "Other" in the SCAQMD VOC Limits table has a maximum limit of 420 g/l. This should allow most if not all duct sealants to be utilized on LEED® projects, and permit the proper sealing of ductwork at temperatures below 40°F (5°C).

In keeping with SMACNA's policy on sustainability, contractors are encouraged to use products with the least environmental impact for the intended application and jobsite conditions.



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