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to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 90.4-2022**

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# **Proposed Addendum a to Standard 90.4-2022, *Energy Standard for Data Centers***

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## **Foreword**

*Addendum a* aims to provide alignment between Standard 90.4 and ASHRAE's plans to strengthen the decarbonization components of ASHRAE standards. Standard 90.4 currently regulates data center energy consumption, but cannot regulate data center greenhouse gas emissions, environmental impact, water consumption, and other resources or considerations beyond energy under its current purpose. *Addendum a* expands the purpose to include resources and considerations beyond energy that contribute to data center sustainability and decarbonization.

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## Addendum a to 90.4-2022

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*Modify the Purpose and Scope as follows:*

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard is to establish the minimum energy efficiency and resource requirements of ~~data centers~~ for design, construction, and planned operation and maintenance of data centers, in service of decarbonization and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Resources include but are not limited to:

- ~~a. design, construction, and a plan for operation and maintenance; and~~
- ~~b. use of on-site or off-site renewable energy resources.~~

- a. non-renewable energy
- b. renewable energy
- c. water

### 2. SCOPE

2.1 This standard applies to

- a. new *data centers*, or portions thereof, and their *systems*;
- b. new *additions* to *data centers*, or portions thereof, and their *systems*; and
- c. modifications to *systems* and *equipment* in existing *data centers* or portions thereof.

2.2 The provisions of this standard do not apply to

- a. *telephone exchanges*,
- b. *essential facilities*, and
- c. *information technology equipment (ITE)*.

2.3 Where specifically noted in this standard, certain other buildings or elements of buildings shall be exempt.

2.4 This standard shall not be used to circumvent any safety, health, or environmental requirements.