

2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC) CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 110 "REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION"



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SUBJECT: Clarification regarding 2017 NEC 110.26.

PURPOSE: To provide clarification on Air Handling Units (AHU) and application of 2017

NEC 110.26.

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NOTIFICATION: Air Handling Units (AHU) and their disconnects are considered electrical equipment per *NEC Article 100*, "Definitions." Therefore, the requirements of *NEC Article 110.26*, "Spaces About Electrical Equipment" are applicable. For AHUs with a disconnecting means provided to de-energize the AHU via a disconnect switch within sight of the unit, the AHU will not be subjected to the clearance requirements of *NEC Article 110.26*.(A)(1) for exposed live parts.

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