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**INTERPRETATION**

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## Question:

Sub-clause 9.13.4.3.(3)(b)(ii) requires that the termination of a radon vent pipe be not less than 1 m above and not less than 3.5 m in any other direction to any air inlet, door or openable window.

Does this requirement apply to an air inlet that is used to supply combustion air to a furnace?

## Interpretation:

Yes

The term "any air inlet" in sub-clause 9.13.4.3.(3)(b)(ii) includes air inlets that supply fresh air to the building as well as air inlets that provide combustion air to a furnace within the building.

  
R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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