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# Foreword

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Generator sets for on-site power generation shall be installed in accordance with NECA/EGSA 404-2000, *Recommended Practice for Installing Generator Sets* (ANSI).

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# 1. Scope

This recommended practice describes installation procedures for generator sets for on-site power generation. It does not include general design considerations for on-site power systems.

This recommended practice is intended to define what is meant by installing equipment in a “neat and workmanlike manner” as required by the National Electrical Code, Section 110-12. All information in this publication is intended to conform to the National Electrical Code® (ANSI/NFPA 70).

Installers should always follow the NEC, applicable state and local codes, manufacturers’ instructions, and project specifications when installing generator sets.

Only qualified persons familiar with the installation, construction, and operation of generator sets should perform the work described in this publication.