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# Introduction of the standard for energy efficient building evaluation

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the basic background and status of energy efficient building evaluation standards in China and abroad. It introduces the main technical contents, evaluating index system of the energy efficient building renovation in China and then summarizes the characteristics. In the end, the evaluating results of five evaluated projects using this standard were compared with those using the evaluation standard for green building. Though similar results were obtained, the comparison indicates that this standard has good scientificalness and operability.

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#### 1. Background

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During the thirty years of China's reform and opening up, increased consumption of energy and resources accompanies the city's development and the urbanization promotion. Nowadays, the annual building energy consumption in China accounts for about 25% of the total social energy consumption, and the pollution caused by construction activities occupies about 1/3 of all the pollution. The decrease of both building energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions contributes a lot to the goal that our unit GDP carbon dioxide emissions would have been reduced to 40%-45% by 2020.

In order to implement the basic national policy of energy resources conservation, it is important to establish an energy efficient building evaluation criteria that both accords with China's national condition and base on some international experiences of building energy conservation. The mature energy efficient building evaluation system is expected to guide the application of advanced energy saving technologies and promotes the sustainable construction development.

Take a look of building evaluation criteria in the world. British Building Research Establishment (BRE) established the BREEAM evaluation system for green building, which focuses on building energy efficiency earliest in 1990. And then the United States released LEED for green building assessment in 1998, which has extensively influenced green building and energy efficient building evaluation worldwide. In addition to those, other countries also

http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2014.05.010 2210-6707/© 2014 Published by Elsevier B.V. have begun to compile assessment systems. Evaluation Standard for Green Building (GB50378-2006) which is jointly issued in China is one of them, by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China in 2006.

Green building evaluation standard system itself is not specifically assessed for the energy saving of buildings. However, it concentrates on building efficiency so that construction can be improved with qualified rate and therefore truly achieves the goal of energy conservation. Although there are already plenty of technical standards for designing, construction, inspecting, testing and other aspects for the building sector, it is still necessary to establish a standard to cover all the stages of from designing to operation management.

According to the requirements of Document Jian Biao [2006] NO.77 issued by the Ministry of Construction (MOC) - "Notice on Printing the Development and Revision Plan of National Engineering Construction Standards in 2006", energy efficient building evaluation standard was drew up by China Academy of Building Research, with the participation of other development organizations including China Southwest Architectural Design and Research Institute, Shenzhen Academy of Building Research, Architecture Design and Research Institute of Shanghai, Chongging University, the Harbin Institute of Technology, Henan Institute of Building Science, Green Building Research Center of China Society of Urban Studies, Heilongjiang Building Science Research Institute, Shanxi Province Building Science Research Institute, Tianjin University. On April 2, 2011, energy efficient building evaluation standard was jointly issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (GB/T50668-2011), and then implemented on May 1, 2012.

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 Table 1

 Related standards for energy efficiency of buildings.

	Item no.	Standards
Basic standards	1	Standard of climatic regionalization for architecture, GB 50178-1993
	2	Standard for parameter of construction atmosphere, JGJ35-1987
	3	Classification and presentation of building energy use data, JG/T358-2012
	4	Standard for basic terms for energy efficiency of buildings, GB, under compilation
	5	Standard for parameter of building energy efficiency atmosphere, GB, under compilation
General standards	6	Design standard for energy efficiency of public buildings, GB50189-2005
	7	Code for acceptance of energy efficient building construction, GB50411-2007
	8	Design standard for energy efficiency of residential buildings in severe cold and cold zones, JGJ26-2010
	9	Design standard for energy efficiency of residential buildings in hot summer and warm winter zone, JGJ, under compilation
	10	Design standard for energy efficiency of residential buildings in hot summer and cold winter zone,  G 134-2010
Professional standards	11	Standard for energy efficiency test of residential buildings, JGJ/T132-2009
(Engineering standards)	12	Standard for energy consumption survey of civil buildings, JGJ154-2007
	13	Technical code for the retrofitting of public building on energy efficiency, JGJ176-2009
	14	Standard for energy efficiency test of public buildings, JGJ/T177-2009
	15	Design standard for energy efficiency of rural residential buildings, GB, under compilation
	16	Technical specification for energy efficiency retrofitting of existing residential buildings, JGJ, under compilation
	17	Standard for building energy performance certification, JGJ, under compilation
	18	Technical code for energy efficiency of city heating system, CJJ, under compilation
	19	Technical code for regulation of energy consumed remote monitoring systems of public buildings, under compilation
	20	Standard for saving energy evaluation of urban lighting, under compilation
Professional standards (product standards)	21	The minimum allowable values of the energy efficiency and energy efficiency grades for unitary air conditioners, GB19576-2004
	22	The minimum allowable values of the energy efficiency and energy efficiency grades for water chillers, GB19577-2004
	23	The minimum allowable values of the energy efficiency and energy efficiency grades for multi-connected air-condition (heat pump) unit, GB21454-2008
	24	The minimum allowable values of the energy efficiency and energy efficiency grades for variable speed room air conditioners, GB21455-2008
	25	Technical requirements of measurement and verification of energy savings, heating system of residential buildings, under compilation
	26	Technical specification for the retrofitting of residential buildings on energy efficiency, under compilation

#### 2. Related standards in China

The energy conservation design standard for new heating residential buildings, which issued in 1986, was the first design standard for energy efficiency of buildings in China. It marked the start of building energy-saving in China. The standard system of building energy-saving in China is continuously improving in recent years. The standards of building energy-saving, which basically covered architectural design, construction, acceptance, operation, test and energy-saving construction, have became one of basic works of building energy-saving in China. By 2012, there are 26 energy-saving standards that related to architectural engineering. They are shown in Table 1, which including 5 basic standards, 5 general standards, and 16 professional standards.

Although these standards have promoted the minimum requirements for energy efficiency design and building construction, it does not exist an evaluation standard for lower energy consumption buildings. So it is indispensable to develop the evaluation standard for the energy efficient buildings to regulate the market of high-energy efficiency building and solve the problem of asymmetry information, so that it can finally guide and promote the healthy development of high-energy efficiency buildings.

#### 3. The main technical contents

Standards are applicable to the comprehensive evaluation for energy efficiency of building technology index which is constructed in accordance with regulations and codes, such as the design standard for energy efficiency of public buildings, the standard for lighting design of buildings, the design standard for efficiency of residential building in severe cold and cold zones, the design standard for energy efficiency of residential buildings in hot summer and cold winter zone, the design standard for energy efficiency of residential buildings in hot summer and warm winter zone and the standard for energy efficiency inspection of heating residential buildings.

The main technical contents of standards can be categorized into five parts: (1) general provisions, (2) terms, (3) basic provisions, (4) residential building, (5) public building. The whole standard system consists of energy efficiency evaluation index system of residential building, energy efficiency evaluation index system of public building and classification rules of energy efficient building.

Energy efficiency evaluation index system of both residential and public buildings is composed of seven indexes, including construction planning, building envelope, heating ventilation and air conditioning, water supply and drainage, electrical and lighting, indoor environment and operation management. The assessment system comprehensively assesses the energy performance of building in these seven aspects, within indexes including prerequisite items, standard items and outstanding items.

The standard was formulated based on not only abundant worldwide references from relevant standards, but also widely related research results and experience of construction projects. It not only covers the stages of designing and operational management, but also gives full consideration on actual situation of energy saving in buildings, and establishes unified evaluation standard of energy efficient building. Therefore, this standard is regarded advanced because of its scientificalness, innovative and practicability.

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