

Minnesota Department of COMMERCE

2016 Energy Design Conference

Opportunities for Improving the Efficiency and Operation of Building Ventilation: Applied Research and Development

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History & Background

Conservation Applied Research & Development

CARD purpose to help MN utilities achieve the annual 1.5 % savings goal by:

- Identifying new technologies or strategies to maximize energy savings;
- Improving effectiveness of energy conservation programs;
- Documenting CO₂ reductions from energy conservation programs.

Minnesota Statutes §216B.241, Subd. 1e.



Current Activities

- Develop and post annual RFPs for general and specific topics
- Managing a portfolio of over 80 R&D projects
- Updating web site to access information
- Outreach to utilities and other stakeholders through meetings, conferences and webinars



Today's CARD Projects

- Grantee: Center for Energy and Environment
- Investigator: Josh Quinnell
- Project: Energy Recovery in Minnesota Commercial and Institutional Buildings



Today's CARD Projects

- Grantee: Sustainable Engineering Group
- Investigator: Amalia Hicks
- Project: Energy Conservation Potential of Displacement Ventilation in Minnesota Climate Conditions



Today's CARD Projects

- Grantee: Seventhwave
- Investigator: Scott Hackel
- Project: Demand Control Ventilation: Maximize Savings with Practical Approaches