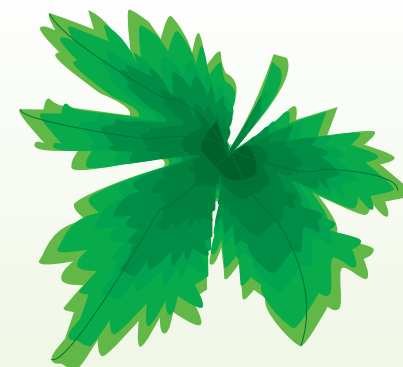


Operation and Maintenance to Improve Energy Efficiency and Sustainability of Existing Buildings



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Abstract

Operation and maintenance (O&M) of existing buildings is very important to many countries because the existing structures constitute a large portion of building stocks and they consume significant amount of energy and resources. To improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of existing buildings, effective measures are needed to overcome the barriers and technical difficulties in building O&M. With the development of new energy saving technologies and a greater attention to building management and control, there are opportunities to enhance the O&M practices and evaluate the performance of existing buildings in a more holistic way. An integrated approach to building facilities management is being developed to provide the platform for effective O&M. Relevant policies and management techniques are required to foster the transformation into a reliable and accountable system for building O&M. It is hoped that the outcomes can help reduce the environmental impacts and increase the productivity of existing buildings.

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