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Fossil fuel burning is a leading and significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, which is a leading cause of climate change. Limiting and decreasing on-site fossil fuel burning is supportive of occupant safety and health. The U.S. has a national goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28 percent by 2025.