

## New ASHRAE Guideline will affect Office Space Users



We have been advised by electrical engineers that early in January of 2012, the Ontario Building Code was edited to incorporate a change in its rules, that will help office space users, further reduce their use of electricity.

The Ontario Building Code has integrated an ASHRAE\* standard, that mandates in office space, that 50% of all power receptacles throttle off when no one is in the space. The other 50% stay live, and are meant for systems that best remain on, ie: the dedicated circuits for Automation Equipment, etc.

This new rule will ensure that energy using devices such as desk lamps, radios, etc.; will automatically turn off, when people are no longer in the area. Although not all engineering firms are applying this new rule yet – you can ask them to implement this change immediately, if interested in the savings.

\* (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers)