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Preface

This preface is not part of ANSI/IES RP-46-23. It is provided for general informational purposes only.

ANSI/IES RP-46-23 is based on the research citations noted in the Reference section.

This Recommended Practice (RP) does not provide general lighting information that is included in other IES documents. If the reader does not already have this information, it may be obtained as needed from the following current IES Standards:

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1.0 Introduction and Scope

1.1 Introduction

This Recommended Practice (RP) is the implementation companion to IES TM-18-18, *Light and Human Health: An Overview of the Impact of Optical Radiation on Visual, Circadian, Neuroendocrine, and Neurobehavioral Responses*¹ in that it provides recommendations for translation of the basic science of how light affects visual, circadian, neuroendocrine, and neurobehavioral responses in daytime interior environments, such as those found in schools and offices. IES TM-18-18 reviewed the discovery of melanopsin and the evidence demonstrating that these visual, circadian, neuroendocrine, and neurobehavioral responses can be anatomically—and functionally—distinct from visual responses. This document includes the major advances achieved since the publication of IES TM-18-18 in understanding the physiology by which light mediates circadian, neuroendocrine, and neurobehavioral responses; however, this document does not supplant IES TM-18-18. For a more complete understanding of the topic, this RP should be read as a companion to IES TM-18-18.

The research community has made significant findings relative to lighting that is supportive of physiological