

A fundamental component of the Model Lighting Ordinance (MLO), currently under public review, divides lighting requirements into lighting zones according to environmental impact. **See Appendix A.** The joint IDA/IES task force in charge of drafting the MLO reviewed TM-15 and realized that it could be modified to serve as a key measure of all forms of light pollution related to shielding and the direction of light, becoming an important tool to determine which luminaires are appropriate for each zone. Modifications were made, including subdividing the TM-15 uplight zone to better address artificial sky glow, and subdividing the upper downlight zone to better address glare. The IES accepted these adjustments and released TM-15-07 (revised). **See Figure 1.**

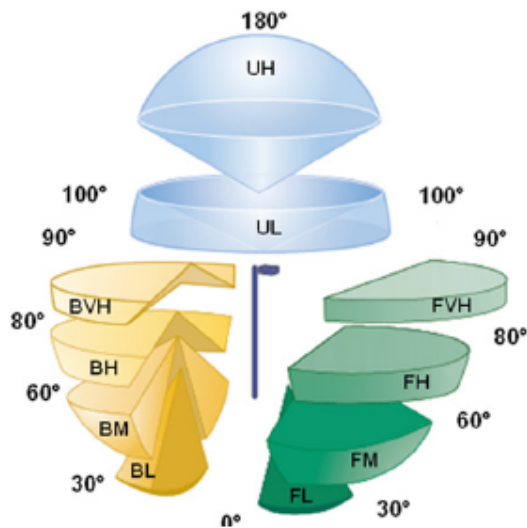


Figure 1: the revised outdoor luminaire distribution measuring system from TM-15-07 (revised)

After reviewing hundreds of candidate luminaires, the MLO task force established the three composite (BUG) ratings based on TM-15-07 (revised):

Backlight, which creates light trespass onto adjacent sites. The B rating takes into account the amount of light in the BL, BM, BH and BVH zones, which are direction of the luminaire OPPOSITE from the area intended to be lighted.

Uplight, which causes artificial sky glow. Lower uplight (zone UL) causes the most sky glow and negatively affects professional and academic astronomy. Upper uplight (UH) is mostly energy waste. The U rating accounts the amount of light into the upper hemisphere with greater concern for the lower uplight angles in UL.

Glare, which can be annoying or visually disabling. The G rating takes into account the amount of frontlight in the FH and FVH zones as well as BH and BVH zones.

BUG STANDS FOR “**Backlight**”, “**Uplight**” and “**Glare**.” The acronym describes the types of stray light escaping from an outdoor lighting luminaire. “B” stands for backlight, or the light directed in back of the mounting pole. “U” stands for uplight, or the light directed above the horizontal plane of the luminaire, and “G” stands for glare, or the amount of light emitted from the luminaire at angles known to cause glare.

It is expected that BUG values will be published by luminaire manufacturers so lighting specifiers, designers or purchasers can tell at a glance how well a certain luminaire controls stray light or compares with other luminaires under consideration for an installation.

The BUG system was developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) to make comparing and evaluating outdoor luminaires fast, easy and more complete than older systems.