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Subject: RESNET Comments on Propose Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program Changes

Dale,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to review and submit comments on the proposed Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program changes.

I had asked the RESNET Board to review the proposal and the following is a compilation of the comments we wish to submit:

P1 - Proposed Changes to Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Quality Assurance Requirements

- + Need to define local program sponsor in the document
- + Need to specify minimum contents of "job reports"

P2 - Proposed Minimum Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Sponsor Reporting Requirements

RESNET is very concerned that there is not a requirement for even an estimate of energy savings of the work completed. It is hard to understand how an energy efficiency and carbon emission reduction program can not have a requirement of reporting on the projected energy savings for each job completed under the program.

P3 - Proposed Guidelines of a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Comprehensive Home Assessment

I have previously submitted my comments to you on this earlier. My basic comments was on the need to have the guidelines reflect RESNET's effort to develop a national standard for energy audits of existing homes and the effort of RESNET and BPI to merge the rater and building analyst classifications.

The assessment form should have required items to review listed. Without national specifications then content will differ depending on the program sponsor.

Section E.3.b.1 Duct testing-since DELTA Q is not currently approved as a duct leakage test in the HERS Standards nor is pressure pans or flow hoods (some of these are not ASTM standards either)...what other "approved" tests are there- other than using duct pressurization/depressurization? The contractor can easily assume a default leakage on visual inspection and then duct test (using a HERS Standard leakage test) after the retrofit.

Page 10. Mold will grow where there is less light???

I have attached specific comments from Bruce Harley

P4 - Proposed Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Certificate of Completion

Do not believe that the ENERGY STAR Home Energy Yardstick should be a requirement until the details are finalized. Please review the comments that I have provided on concerns with the proposed yardstick.

cc: David Lee  
RESNET Board