

Comments Received Via E-mail From Craig Conner, Building Quality

Several of us worked to align parts of the IECC (and IRC), RESNET calculation guidelines and (by extension now) Energy Star. It is important Energy Star remain aligned.

We succeeded in this alignment for 2004. There is an exception, where Energy Star should be careful to remain consistent with DOE's RICC, RESNET, and most of the ICC. The exception only affects wood-frame walls and only in climate zones 3-6; it gives R-13 and R-19, rather than R-15 and R-21. For example your sample requirements for Montgomery Country should say R-13 wood frame wall, R-15.

All other insulation components and all U-factor presentations of insulation (both IECC and IRC) are fine; and remained aligned in all sources. 2006 ICC results remain to be seen.

I know you said you intended to be on the same page as RICC/RESNET at the NAHB energy committee meeting, so expect the frame wall R-value is not intentional.