

Comments Received Via E-mail From Jerry D. Lyle, Home Energy Concepts

I'm not too sure just how the mechanics of the new specification will affect us here in the South, but that is not necessarily my concern. One of the major concerns we all have is the "Gray Area" we live in. We are in an "Emerging Market" and have spent a lot of time and money to convince the builders in this area to consider Energy Star.

At this point, we have managed to persuade several builders and Power Distributors to sign contracts. The concern is that a 6 month grandfather period is not enough time and we would be confusing builders and power distributor Raters to change this soon. We also have potential builders watching the existing builders to evaluate their success. The other concern is the builders we have under contract with the existing standards and the repercussions that may have. I am asking for at least an additional 6 to 12 month grandfather period for our area.

Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.