

Rachel:

I have just one recommendation for your consideration on the draft:

Regarding definition 1) I. Matched Assembly, I recommend the insertion of the words "or for which the manufacturer has published energy efficiency data" after the words "Certified Equipment" and before the word "and" on line 58.

I believe doing this will improve program implementability and customer/contractor satisfaction. As the spec reads now, there is one and only one source for the information - an online database. Since the first source of the data is the manufacturer, his published data should not be excluded. It is the manufacturer who turns the data over to ARI (or CEE)

for publishing. Consider also that many contractors, especially the smaller ones, do not have the internet as an integrated part of their business process. For them, a hard copy of the performance data from the manufacturer is more convenient and reliable. Making this change will provide an outlet for the time lag that can take place between the availability of the data from the manufacturer and its being published on the website.

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