

Dear Rating Hosts and Participants,

Attached please find an updated User's Guide for the National Energy Performance Rating System XML Data Exchange project. The User's Guide includes several updates, including:

- o New negative score code of -7 that is used to indicate an invalid zip code;
- o Description of the annual energy information that is being included in the results dataset;
- o Updates to the upper and lower bounds to space attributes for Supermarkets and Warehouses; and
- o More detailed description of the distinction between the use of the VB application and the Web Services approach.

Also attached is a description of the default values for each space type, for your reference.

Please let us know if you have any questions, problems, or further feedback regarding the new environment.

Sincerely,
National Energy Performance Rating System Team