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What are the potential impacts to builders and homebuyers in terms of additional costs resulting from an ISO/IEC 17020-based approach to conducting inspection surveillance activities and verification assessments of homes? What information is available to validate these concerns?

Potential impacts might include a more level playing field deriving from more effective oversight. We might expect an improved value proposition to be offered to Rating Companies and Builders. There are many potential impacts. Quite likely all will not be either good or bad. There is no doubt that what some see as bad … others will see as good. And, the reverse is also true. No doubt there will be plenty of comments to the EPA regarding the potential good and bad.

One issue of note, there is a limit to the number of potential VOO's that can fill the marketplace. There can be too many validation organizations.

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