



Setting the Standards for Home Energy Efficiency

Interpretation: Home builders and their employees are not allowed to conduct ratings

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102.2.9.2.2 Home builders and their employees are not allowed to conduct ratings on the homes they build or

for which they have a financial interest.

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Relating to:

Background: The statement only refers to builders and their employees producing their own ratings. It's clear that only a Registered HERS Rater can produce a Rating and submit for processing. What is not clear, whether a Register/Trained RFI whom works for a manufacture home building organization and or national developer can perform the data collection and testing for the Register HERS Rater to complete the Rating. An interpretation is necessary because I'm being challenge by the HERS Rater on this specific statement.  
(This statement should identify what is unclear or contradictory in the standard and why clarification is necessary.)

Interpretation: Home builders and their employees are not allowed to conduct HERS Ratings on the homes they build or for which they have a financial interest. Exception Register RFI and Modeler who has passed the required training and testing may collect and test field data on the home to provide to the Registered HERS Rater to complete the rating. The HERS Rater is fully responsible for continuous training and oversight of the RFIs/Modelers. The provider and or Resnet can increase the amount of filed and field QA percentages to be transparent.

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(State what you consider the clarification should be. Your interpretation must be stated such that the SDC can answer "Yes" or "No". Note: Interpretations are solely the opinion of the SDC. There is no public review or comment incorporated in their development. Interpretations should not create new requirements for national consensus standards.)

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

SDC Answer: NO

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Comments:

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(In this case the employees of the builder gathered rating information (minimum rated features) that was then entered into the electronic rating file by a third-party rater. The employees participated in rating a home while employed by the builder)