**Comment/Explanation\*:***Include your justification for your proposed change to the draft standard below.*  
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Why must the documentation be destroyed at the end of a 2-year retention period? This is not common practice for a HERS rating. Destroying documentation will only make it harder for future owners/developers to understand what embodied carbon methods and strategies a project undertook.

**Proposed Change to the Draft Standard\***  
*Use “strikethrough” and “underline” formatting to indicate all proposed changes. Changes must be shown with “hard-formatting” strikethrough and underline, not “track changes”.*

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