



Setting the Standards for Home Energy Efficiency

Interpretation: RFI Energy Modeling
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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in
Standard: Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Systems
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Relating to: Certification of RFI Candidates

Background:



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In Chapter 2 of MINHERS, it states “206.2.1.4 After successfully completing the mentored rating field inspections and passing the RESNET Graded Field Evaluation, RFI’s may be permitted to conduct all rating tasks found in section 206.2.1.2 under the direct supervision of a Certified HERS Rater without having a Certified Rater on site.” In our opinion, RFIs are certified to complete field work only but the standards do not explicitly state that RFIs are NOT allowed to enter information into the energy modeling software. Clarification is needed to properly provide guidance and enforce the standards for what each RESNET designation type, in this case RFIs, may or may not be permitted to do.

Interpretation: _____

Currently, Certified RFIs are permitted to conduct field testing as described in 206.2.1.2. Since there is no mention of modeling or data input into modeling software listed in 206.2.1.2, RFIs are not permitted to do any inputs or Modeling in any approved software programs.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

SDC Answer: Yes

SDC Comments: Per 208.1 Certified Rating Field Inspector (RFI) A Certified Rating Field Inspector is permitted to conduct all tasks contained within ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301 Appendix B, Inspection Procedures for Minimum Rated Features. An RFI is also expected to demonstrate proficiency in the capabilities listed in 208.1. None of the listed tasks or capabilities a Certified Rating Field Inspector is permitted to conduct include entering information into the energy modeling software. Therefore, RFIs are not permitted to perform input or modeling tasks in any approved software programs under the Rating Field Inspector certification.