



Setting the Standards for  
Home Energy Efficiency

**Interpretation:** Increased Sampling Rate Applies to Sampled Features

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**Reference:** This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in  
Standard:  
HERS® Standards

Page Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Section(s): Section 603.2.3  
Table(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Relating to: Removal of Dwelling Units from Sampling

**Background:** When removing dwelling units from the sampling process, the sampling rate must be increased if 100% pre-drywall inspections are not completed. This section is clear about how the increased sampling rate should be calculated but is unclear whether that increased sampling rate applies to all sampled features or just the pre-drywall sampled features impacted by the removal of units.

The red text below is provided to clarify the interpretation; It is not a request for amendment.

“603.2.3 Removal of Dwelling Units from the Sampling process to be labeled as Confirmed Ratings

The Sampling Plan shall be adjusted to document the Dwelling Units that were removed from the Sampling Plan.

If it is determined that Dwelling Units are to be removed from the Sampling process and 100% Pre-Drywall inspections were not completed, the 20% Sampling rate **for all sampled features impacted by the removal of units** must be increased by a percentage equal to or greater than the projected percentage of units that may be removed as confirmed. Example: If X% is projected to be removed as Confirmed Ratings, then the Sampling rate shall be increased to 20%+X%. **“Sampled features impacted” is to mean any sampled feature that received sampling verification on units being removed and therefore no longer meet the 20% minimum. AND**

Only units that have 100% of Minimum Rated Features verified can be labeled as Confirmed Ratings. The removed Dwelling Units shall be labeled as Confirmed. All remaining Dwelling Units in the Project shall be labeled as Sampled.”

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**Interpretation:** *Provided by the petitioner.*

An increased sampling verification rate must be applied to *each* sampled feature whose verification rate is *impacted* (no longer meeting the 20% minimum) by the removal of units from the sampling process.

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**Question:** Is this Interpretation correct?



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**SDC Answer:** Yes

**SDC**  
**Comments:**

The interpretation the Petitioner listed above is in line with the intent of the requirements.