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Interpretation: QAD Professional Development Requirement of Addendum 36

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Relating to: Rater Professional Development Requirements

Background: Upon a prima facie examination of the text of this specific item, the application of this item to specific persons, (i.e Quality Assurance Designees who are also raters) may cause a loss of rater certification which may have not been intended.

As I interpret the language of this item, it appears that Quality Assurance Designees who are actively reviewing other raters, but not performing ratings as the, “Rater of record” themselves could also lose their rater certification without a field-graded evaluation every three (3) years. I believe the intent of this item was to ensure that raters who were not actively performing ratings were still current with the Rater skill set and standards application, however, it also intentionally or unintentionally captures active Quality Assurance Designees who are constantly evaluating raters on an ongoing basis.

(This statement should identify what is unclear or contradictory in the standard and why clarification is necessary.)

Interpretation: Active Quality Assurance Designees who are not performing ratings as the, “Rater of record”, are required to comply with this specific item.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

SDC Answer: (Yes/No) Yes – if the Quality Assurance Designee has not performed any on-site Field QA inspection within the three-year certification period.

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Comments:

102.1.2.4.3 States that “Certified Home Energy Raters who have not completed any Confirmed, Sampled, or Threshold ratings within the three-year certification period shall successfully complete one RESNET graded-field evaluation, in addition to satisfying either 102.1.2.4.1 or 102.1.2.4.2.” A Quality Assurance Designee performing a Field QA must follow 903.4.2.5 which states, “As part of the QA field review of confirmed ratings, the QA Designee shall ensure that the minimum rated features of a rating are independently confirmed (i.e. confirmation of geometric characteristics, inspection of minimum rated features, and completion of any necessary performance testing) to determine whether the rating and/or diagnostic testing were accurately completed by the Rater, and determine whether information was completely



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collected and reported as required in [Chapter 3](#) of these Standards.” The process of independently confirming the rating requires the Quality Assurance Designee to complete the work involved in a confirmed rating of the subject property, and the results are reported to RESNET. Performing an on-site Field QA inspection qualifies as completing a Confirmed Rating for the Quality Assurance Designee who is also a HERS Rater. However, a Quality Assurance Designee who is ‘not performing ratings as the, “Rater of record” themselves’ and has not completed any on-site Field QA within the three-year certification period, must meet the requirements of 102.1.2.4.3 to recertify as a HERS Rater.

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