**Interpretation:** Candidate Rater and RFI Oversight and Authorized Activities

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**Background Statement:** *Provided by person requesting the interpretation.*

Question #1:

*102.1.9  Ensure that the only individuals involved in the HERS rating process, including plan review, takeoffs, data collection, energy modeling, rating software data inputs, field data collection, field testing, minimum rated feature data collection, and EEP verification are fully certified RESNET professionals holding the appropriate certification for the work they are performing. Rating Quality Assurance Providers shall not allow any individuals that are not either certified HERS Raters, HERS Modelers or RFIs to perform any portion of the HERS rating.*

Regarding section 102.1.9- It is our understanding that as part of a rigorous training program, rater or RFI candidates must have hands-on experience gathering data, performing tests, using equipment and entering data into modeling software under the direct supervision of a Certified Rater Instructor or Candidate Field Assessors in actual homes to be rated. In addition, Mentored Evaluations are part of the Rating Field Inspector certification process and require that candidates perform tests and gather minimum rated features to prove competency.

Question #2:

*102.1.10  Ensure Certified HERS Raters utilizing HERS Modelers and/or RFIs maintain sufficient personal involvement in modeling and field data collection supervision and review, to certify their knowledge that the resulting HERS Ratings meet the standards of the profession. Rating Quality Assurance Providers and Certified HERS Raters shall not allow the Certified HERS Rater’s ID to be affixed to any HERS Rating not reviewed by the Certified HERS Rater or prepared under the Certified HERS Rater’s supervisory control.*

Regarding section 102.1.10- Rating Field Inspectors must be trained in gathering all the minimum rated features of the home accurately to provide that data to a Certified Rater per Addendum 50 section 208.1. Data gathered in the field is the same data that will be used to perform a confirmed rating of the home.

**Proposed Interpretation:** *Provided by person requesting the interpretation.*

Question #1:

A candidate is on site gathering data and performing tests in the presence of a Certified Rater Instructor or Candidate Field Assessor who will review, verify, and submit the findings as a confirmed rating.

Question #2:

An RFI is allowed to enter data into the modeling software providing that a Certified Rater reviews that data entry or directly supervises that data entry before submitting that rating to the registry as stated clearly in section 102.1.10 above.

**SDC Response:**

Is the proposed interpretation correct? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_X\_\_ No

**SDC Comments:**

1. **Per the standards, “Probationary ratings shall not be considered Confirmed Ratings.” The Candidate’s findings cannot be submitted as a confirmed rating.**
2. **RFIs are trained and certified to collect field data and perform testing, however, they are not trained and certified to perform modeling. Therefore, RFIs are not allowed to enter data into the modeling software.**