Resolutions on Ensuring Consistency of HERS Index Scores

1) Independence of Quality Assurance Designees

The RESNET Board shall adopt the HERS Consistency Taskforce recommendation that the RESNET standards be amended to require that RESNET certified QADs shall-
1. Serve as agents of RESNET
2. Be affiliated with a RENSET accredited QA provider
3. Have neither a financial interest nor an employee/employer relation with the entity performing the rating

A task group shall be established composed of representatives of homebuilders, rating providers, certified raters/rating companies and QADs to develop the draft amendment language. The RESNET HERS index consistency task force shall be given an opportunity to review and comment on the task group proposal prior to the draft standard amendment being submitted to the RENSET board for approval to go through the public review and comment process.

2) Annual Review of Rater Building Files and Field Ratings

The RESNET Board of Directors shall adopt the HERS index consistency task force recommendation that the RENSET QA standards maintain the current requirement of annual quality assurance review of raters consisting of 1% field reviews and 10% building file reviews with provisions through modification to the standard to add additional oversight of HERS Raters when errors are found in these reviews.

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3) Software tool consistency

A RESNET HERS Index consistency task group recommends to the RENSET Board of Directors that a task group composed of representatives of homebuilders, rating providers, certified raters/rating companies and QADs to develop the draft amendment language.
1. Establish limits on input variables for whole-house ventilations systems in the Resnet Standards
2. Determine bounds checks that can be incorporated into software to limit or warn users when input values are beyond reasonable limits
3. Enhance rating software tools to enable QAD flags to be set for internal inconsistencies that should be checked prior to entering a building file into RESNET registry
4. Modify RESNET registry XML schema to include reporting of QAD flags