



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency

Proposed Standard Revision

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Proponent:	Standard Development Committee 300	
Organization:	RESNET	

Justification:

The Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating System Standards Chapter 5 requirements must be consistent with the *RESNET non-ANSI Standards Development Policy and Procedures*.

The MINHERS standards are updated on a continuous basis and the standards document needs to be maintained continuously to reflect the current standards for industry access.

The revisions and amendments to the standards need to become effective on a consistent and defined schedule to improve awareness and compliance.

A transition time needs to be allowed for projects started under one set of rules to be completed under that set of rules.

Modifications to the chapter are given below in underline/strikeout format

Chapter Five RESNET Standards

502 Revisions and Amendments

~~502.1 From time to time, it may become necessary to revise or amend the standards set forth in this document.~~ RESNET Standards are under continuous maintenance. Circumstances that may lead to such revision or amendment of the standards include but are not limited to the following:

- i. ~~502.1~~ Periodic Reviews of rating program needs by RESNET

To respond to periodic reviews by the promulgating bodies;

- ii. ~~502.2~~ Changes in Law

To respond to changes in law;

- iii. ~~502.3~~ Technical Innovations

To respond to technological innovations; and

- iv. ~~502.4~~ Proposals for Change from interested parties

To respond to proposals for change from interested parties.

502.4.12 ~~Continuous review~~ maintenance of standards

~~502.4.12.1 On an on-going basis, RESNET will accept proposals to change the Standards on an on-going basis. The RESNET Standards Management Board reviews all change proposals, assigns proposals to respective Standards Development Committees (SDCs), oversees the development of standards and amendments and acts on behalf of the RESNET Board of Directors. RESNET has formed the~~ The following standing committees Standards Development Committees are responsible for the development of standards to consider proposals submitted: Quality Assurance and Ethics Committee, Technical Committee, and Training and Education Committee SDC 200 Education, Training and Certification; SDC 300 Testing, Calculation and Labeling for Home Energy Ratings; SDC 900, Quality Assurance, and: SDC 1100, Water Rating. After considering proposals the appropriate committee can submit proposals to amend the Standard.

502.4.22.2 Process for submitting proposals to change standards:

502.4.22.2.1 Proposals to change these standards may be submitted ~~in writing, at any time, to RESNET~~ using the online amendment form on the RESNET website.

502.4.22.3 Proposals to change these standards shall include the following:

502.4.22.3.1 Identification of the proposal to change, including the following minimum information:

502.2.3.1.1 Title of Proposed Amendment

~~502.4.22.3.1.1~~ Proponent(s) full name(s),

~~502.4.22.3.1.2~~ Organizational affiliation(s) or representation(s),

~~502.4.22.3.1.3~~ ~~Full mailing~~E-mail address(es),

~~502.4.22.3.1.4~~ Daytime phone number(s),

~~502.4.2.3.1.5~~ Signature of primary proponent, and

~~502.4.2.3.1.6~~ Date

~~502.4.22.3.2~~ Specific proposed revisions to the standards in a format that clearly identifies the manner in which the standards are to be altered (IE. underline/strikeout format or equivalent). ~~Any proposal to change that does not include~~Failure to include proposed alteration~~change(s) shall is grounds for the proposal to~~ be rejected and returned to the proponent.

~~502.4.22.3.3~~ Substantive reason(s) or justification for each proposed change. The lack of substantive justification for a proposed change may result in the return of ~~the proposals to change~~ to the proponent(s).

~~502.4.22.3.4~~ Supporting documentation that may be needed for the reasoned evaluation of the proposal.

~~502.4.22.4~~ Proposals to change these standards shall be considered and evaluated at least annually.

~~502.43.3~~ Standards Revision Process.

~~502.4.33.1~~ Revision to these standards shall ~~occur only after the relevant proposals to change have been subjected to public scrutiny and comment using the following review process:~~be conducted in accordance with the RESNET Standards Development Policy and Procedures Manual for Non-“ANSI/RESNET” Standards.

502.4 Publication of Standards

502.4.1 These standards shall be published in the Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating System (MINHERS) Standard posted on the RESNET website. The MINHERS Standard is the official standard for the RESNET Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and shall be updated continuously as amendments are approved.

502.4.2 Amendments shall be posted online upon their approval for publication by the Standards Management Board. The public shall be notified of the Effective Date and where to access amendments when they receive SMB approval.

~~502.4.3.1.1~~ RESNET shall appoint a standing Standards Committee. The RESNET Standards Committee shall be responsible for conducting the periodic evaluation and the annual evaluation of proposals to change through a consensus process, whereby both consenting and the non-consenting opinions are documented and incorporated as comments into each report or proposal to change.

~~502.4.3.1.2~~ Following initial evaluation by the RESNET Standards Committee, proposals to change shall be posted on the RESNET website for a period of not less than 30 days during which public comment shall be accepted.

~~502.4.3.1.3 Following the public comment period, the appropriate RESNET Committee shall meet to reconcile public comments with the initial proposed amendment of the RESNET Standards Committee and, if changes are determined necessary, a final set of recommended changes with consensus comments that considers public comments shall be prepared on each proposal for change. The proposed changes to the amendment shall then be forwarded to the RESNET Standards Committee for approval.~~

~~502.4.3.1.4 Proposals for change receiving a simple majority support from the RESNET Standards Committee after public comment shall be incorporated into a set of proposed revised amendments that will be submitted to the RESNET Board of Directors for final approval.~~

~~502.4.3.1.5 Proposed revisions from the RESNET Standards Committee shall be approved by a simple majority of the RESNET Board of Directors. Rejection of proposals from the RESNET Standards Committee shall require a two-thirds majority of the RESNET Board of Directors. Upon approval by the RESNET Board of Directors, the changes shall be incorporated into a set of revised Standards. If a proposed revision fails to receive either a simple majority vote for approval or a two-thirds majority vote for rejection, it will be referred back to the RESNET Standards Committee for further consideration.~~

~~502.4.3.2 The revised accreditation procedures shall be published on the RESNET Web Page not later than the end of September each year in which changes are recommended.~~

503 Effective Dates for Amendments

503.1 The Effective Date for amendments shall be the earlier of the January 1 or the July 1 immediately following their approval for publication by the SMB unless set otherwise by the SMB or RESNET Board of Directors. In no case shall the Effective Date be less than 30 days after the date of SMB approval.

Exception: Interim Addenda take effect immediately upon approval by the SMB.

503.2 Where an amendment alters a Confirmed, Threshold or Sampled rating that is established between a rater and client prior to the date of public notice and publication of the amendment on the RESNET website, a transition period shall be allowed. Dwelling Units with a building permit date within 6 months of the Effective Date of the amendment shall be allowed to use the requirements that preceded the amendment.