



TNMP

High-Performance Homes Program Newsletter

Summer 2016

Letter from your Program Manager

TNMP Homebuilders and HERS Raters,

Thank you to the homebuilders and HERS raters who have signed up to participate in the 2016 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program. We appreciate your contributions to the TNMP Program and hope you were able to meet the second production milestone (40% on July 25th). The third production milestone is on September 25th (80%).

This is the second year we have included North and Central Texas service territories in the TNMP Program (in addition to the Gulf Coast area) and are looking forward to recruiting a number of builders and raters from those areas. With the stringent requirements for homes in Climate Zone 3, TNMP has created an additional incentive to assist in offsetting construction costs.

We have a new database this year (<https://tnmp.p3.enertrek.com>). Please contact our account managers if you need assistance registering in the new system. These are the production milestones:

Percentage of kWh savings/Number of Homes	Milestone Date
20%	April 25, 2016
40%	July 25, 2016
80%	September 25, 2016
100%	November 30, 2016

The final HERS Rating for the homes must be performed and dated between November 9, 2015 and November 30, 2016. All required Program documentation must be submitted once the home is completed and reported through the Program Portal.

Below are a few Program reminders:

- Report ALL completed homes in the Program portal within sixty (60) days of certification and submit at least one invoice per month for each builder. If no homes are ready for submittal in a particular month, communicate with the Program staff, before the end of the month, to notify them that no invoice will be submitted for a particular builder.
- Re-submit any home requiring correction by the next invoice.
- Submit all Program data for invoicing by the 25th of each month.
- Raters are required to update to the newest version of REM within 60 days of a new release per RESNET guidelines and to participate in the TNMP High-Performance Homes Programs.
- Using outdated versions of REM Rate can result in turndowns from the Program.
- Revised UDRH files were recently distributed to all HERS rater program participants.

Please contact our Account Managers for any questions about program requirements, database registration, revised UDRH files, territory maps, zip codes, and incentive structures for Climate Zone 2 and Climate Zone 3.

Best regards and keep up the good work,

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Website



Want your Homes to Appraise for More?

We've been hearing home builders complain for years that their home appraisal value don't accurately reflect the energy-efficient features installed in their homes.

The time has come for home builders to take a stand for their homes by challenging appraisals. And we have the simple process laid out for you.

Learn how it all works in a webinar, brought to you by your local electric utilities just for incentive program participants to learn this very important skill.

If you missed the Green Appraisals webinar in May or want a refresher, schedule 1.5 hours to watch this replay here:

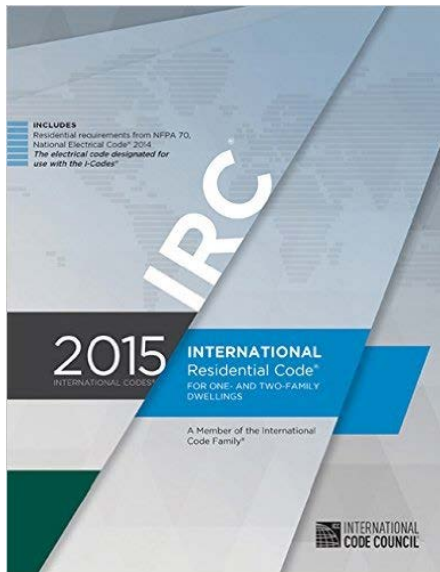
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Housing News

[Dallas Housing 2Q16: Growth Slows As Affordability Erodes](#)

[Energy-Efficiency New Homes Tax Credit for Home Builders](#)

[Study: Top baby boomer homebuying preferences](#)



Are you ready for the new building code enforcement?

On June 16, 2015, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed HB 1736 into Texas law. This will move the state's single-family residential code from the 2009 code to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). All local jurisdictions must comply with the new code by September 1, 2016. The new Texas code includes an Energy Rating Index compliance option. The Texas state legislature modified the 2015 IECC required Energy Rating Index scores to a set of scaled scores that increases in stringency over time. The required index scores in Texas are: Climate Zones 2 & 3 * A 65 or lower score from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2019 * A 63 or lower score from

September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2022 * A 59 or lower score after September 1, 2022 Climate Zone 4 * A 69 or lower score from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2019 * A 67 or lower score from September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2022 * A 63 or lower score after September 1, 2022 In addition to the Energy Rating Index Score the state's code requires that builders meet the 2009 IECC standards for insulation. To view the new Texas energy code go to 2015 IECC and Energy Rating Index Option.

Upcoming Events & Trainings

[2015 IRC Energy Code Update - Be prepared for the changes coming September 1st](#)

Aug 11, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

GHBA, 9511 W. Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston, TX 77064

Sponsored by: Greater Houston Builders Association

[BABA September Luncheon](#)

Sept 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

La Brisa Grill, 501 N. Wesley Dr, League City, TX 77573

Sponsored by: Bay Area Builders Association

[BABA October Luncheon](#)

Oct 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

La Brisa Grill, 501 N. Wesley Dr, League City, TX 77573
Sponsored by: Bay Area Builders Association

[Building a Better House Series - Exterior Construction](#)

Sept 14, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
DBA - 5816 W. Plano Parkway, Dallas, TX 75093
Sponsored by: Dallas Builders Association

[Building a Better House Series - New Home Technology](#)

Oct 12, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
DBA - 5816 W. Plano Parkway, Dallas, TX 75093
Sponsored by: Dallas Builders Association

FREE HVAC Trainings

Did you know ENERGY STAR recorded three important technical **[HVAC training videos](#)**?

[How to Measure Whole-House Ventilation Airflow](#) (< 5 minutes each)

Watch these four short videos to see how to measure whole-house ventilation airflow - one critical commissioning task for ENERGY STAR certified homes.

[HVAC and ENERGY STAR Certified Homes](#) (16 min.)

This short recorded presentation was created for HVAC contractors and explains how to become credentialed to work with ENERGY STAR. The presentation also explains how HVAC design, installation and performance are incorporated into the ENERGY STAR program.

[How to Measure HVAC Fan Airflow](#) (< 5 minutes each)

Watch these five short videos to see how to measure HVAC fan airflow - one critical commissioning task for ENERGY STAR certified homes.

