



Texas-New Mexico Power High-Performance Homes Program Fall 2017 Newsletter

Welcome Letter

Dear Texas-New Mexico Power High-Performance Homes Program Builders and Raters,

Hurricane Harvey has left a mark on Texas and TNMP continues in its efforts to make repairs. We realize many participants were affected as well. If you had any homes that were damaged during the hurricane, please let the program managers know so we can extend submittal deadlines on those homes.

On behalf of the Texas-New Mexico Power High-Performance Homes Program team, we thank you for a continued great program year! The end of the year is upon us. Please submit all homes to the program database as soon as they are completed to ensure proper processing. An email will go out shortly as to the final date for submittal in 2017.

Please make sure to check the 2017 TNMP database for all of your homes under construction, if they are not in the database, please enter them right away. All homes entered will roll over to next year's program and will not need to be reentered.

Please Save the Date, Tuesday, Dec 14, for the End-of-Year Awards Luncheon! Watch your emails for the registration email coming soon! This is always a popular event with great company and lots of great food. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

If you have yet to apply for incentives this year or are looking to be a new participant in next year's program, please call or email George Cornwell or Lauren Grochmal for help registering and enroll¹ in the 2017 Program. We look forward to continuing to work with you this year. Thank you!

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**2017 End-of-Year Awards Luncheon &
2018 Kick-off Meeting**

Thursday, December 14, 2017

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: TBA

The 2017 End-of-Year Awards Luncheon will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Location to be announced—Stay tuned!

Mark your calendars now!

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Technical Spotlight

The Hot Room

Do you get calls from homeowners about a room that is too hot in the summer or too cold in the winter? It is not necessarily the HVAC causing the problem.

Look for other issues:

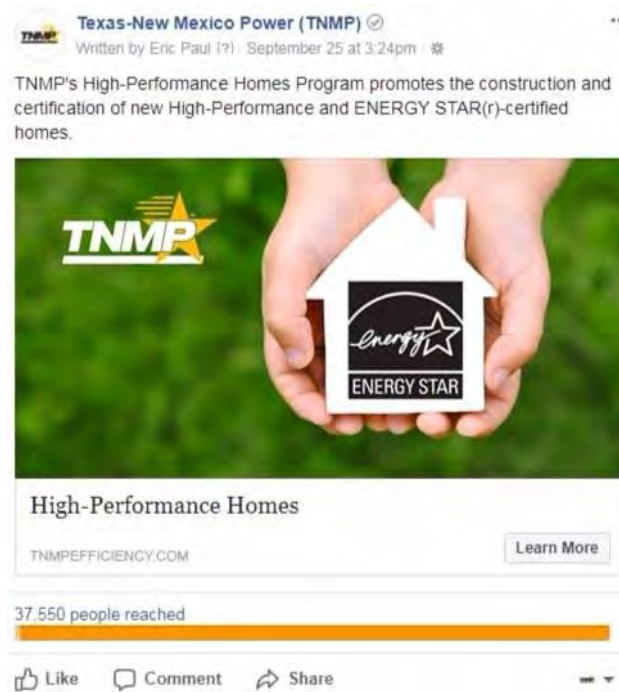
- Verify that the air barrier is present on a shared wall with the attic and that there are no penetrations through it.
- Are the floor joist open to the attic or the exterior? Make sure the air barrier covers all openings to the floor cavities. Just putting insulation in the cavity is not enough.
- If the room is above a garage is the insulation in contact with the floor decking to the room?
- Is the insulation above the room disturbed or missing? Verify the thickness of your insulation on the ceiling of the room. Is it a sloped ceiling? Could insulation have fallen out prior to the drywall installation?

Remember, it is not always solved by increasing airflow to room.

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Do you know about Builder Perks?

You might be listed on our program website!



If you are a participating builder in the 2017 Texas-New Mexico Power High-Performance Homes Program, you are publically listed as a participating builder at www.tnmpefficiency.com⁶. In addition, TNMP has invested in social media campaigns on Facebook to direct potential homebuyers to the program website where they can find you listed as a participating builder!

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TNMP is proud to promote its builders pushing the boundaries of energy efficiency in Greater Houston and Dallas. This is just one of the annual perks participating builders receive each year!

Upcoming Trainings and Events

SPEER ENERGY CODES WEBINAR

Decoding Thermal and

Ignition Barriers for Spray Polyurethane Foam

This one-hour AIA-CEU and ICC-CEU approved course provides a detailed focus on fire safety requirements for foam plastics under the ICC's model building codes. Following TechDoc SFPA-126, Section R316 of the IRC and Section 2603 of the IBC are reviewed in detail.

Learning Objectives:

- Why and where thermal and ignition barriers are needed
- The performance (fire testing) requirements for thermal and ignition barriers
- Inspection and verification of intumescent coatings
- Application examples per current IRC and IBC

Wednesday October 25th, 2017 -- 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM CDT

Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5132408514255514883>

ICC Contact Hours: 1