

Proposed Amendment of RESNET Rating Field Inspector Certification Requirements Comments

Comment #: 1

Commentator: Daniel Conner

Organization: Southern Energy Managment

Clause Number: 1

Paragraph:

Comment Intent: Not an Objection

Comment Type: General

Comment:

First off, I think this is great! In the end, it is the responsibility of the HERS rater to ensure the RFI using their RTIN is competent. This amendment reflects that.

As our industry grows, utilizing RFI's is essential to ensure we can all match that growth in a timely and cost effective manner.

Currently, RFI's are required to complete the RESCAZ training/exam. Will this be enforced for all new RFI's? Or will the amendment remove this requirement? We would be in favor of removing this requirement- similar reasoning as stated in this amendment.

As RESNET refocuses on quality assurance, I'd like to see a more robust training/apprentice program for would-be HERS raters, and a simplified process for would-be RFIs. How many new HERS raters are capable of meeting 100% of the QA requirements after a 1 week training? Having a RFI under the mentorship of an experienced HERS rater will increase the quality performance of the individual when they elevate to a HERS rater. I would like to see a RESNET sponsored career path/requirement that guided the individual from RFI to HERS rater.

Thanks,
Daniel Conner

Proposed Change:

Response:

Accept

Reject

Reason: No proposed change was submitted. RFIs are required to pass the CAZ exam per section 204.2.2.2.9- The effective date for item 204.2.2.2.8 is Jan 1, 2014. Rating Field Inspectors who were certified prior to Jan 1, 2014 shall pass the RESNET Combustion Appliance Test, and The Work Scope Development Tests before January 1, 2015.

Comment #: 2

Commentator: Scott Doyle

Organization: EnergyLogic, Inc

Clause Number: 2

Paragraph: 102.1.2.2.1

Comment Intent: Objection

Comment Type: Editorial

Comment:

Clean-up language in this section is in order because it does not use the correct names for RESNET exams. The use of these names should be consistent within the RESNET Standards and on the RESNET website.

Currently, there are at least three different names used in the RESNET Standards for the rater written test. That makes it hard to determine which one is accurate. But either this amendment needs to be modified so that the name for this test aligns with Chapter 207.1.2, or cleanup language is in order for that Chapter in a separate amendment.

For the Combustion Safety Simulation Test, "the CAZ" is clearly not the correct name. Section 206.1.6.2.10 uses the term "RESNET Combustion Appliance Test." Not sure I like that name, but if correct, then this amendment should align with it.

Proposed Change:

From 102.1.2.2.1:

probationary ratings within twelve (12) months of successfully passing the ~~National Core Rater Test~~ RESNET National Core Competency Test, the National Rating Practical Test, the ~~CAZ~~ RESNET Combustion Appliance Test or all RESNET required exams.

Response:

Accept X

Reject _____

Reason:

Comment #: 3

Commentator: Sharla Riead

Organization: Accurate Rater Network

Clause Number: 2

Paragraph: 204.1.5.2

Comment Intent: Not an Objection

Comment Type: Editorial

Comment:

The intent is clearly that the five probationary Rating Field Inspections be completed in a satisfactory manner, or more may be needed (thus the use of "at least"). I believe that 204.1.5.2 needs to reflect this as well.

Proposed Change:

204.1.5.2 RFI's shall not complete independent field testing and inspections until they have satisfactorily completed the requisite five probationary Rating Field Inspections per 204.1.5.1.

Response:

Accept X

Reject _____

Reason:

Comment #: 4

Commentator: Sharla Riead

Organization: Accurate Rater Network

Clause Number: 2

Paragraph: 102.1.2.2.1

Comment Intent: Not an Objection

Comment Type: Editorial

Comment:

It is very confusing to understand the amount of time a Rater Candidate has to complete probationary ratings now that there are three exams that must be passed prior to the start of the probationary rating period. The proposed change to this section does not clarify but instead adds more confusion. It appears to give a candidate the choice of when the 12 month period begins, is it after any one of the tests or all required exams? I propose this portion of the amendment be made very clear as some candidates may have a several month lapse between exams as they prepare for the next test or continue to study prior to re-taking an exam. By the time they pass all three, it may be getting very close to 12 months from the pass date of the first one or may be beyond 12 months from that first pass date. I am not fixated on the actual length of time allowed, or whether there is an expiration date on any of the exams and would leave that up to the committee to decide, however, this needs to be made very clear or we will need to have another round of changes. (Plus, there is an extra space before the end period.)

Proposed Change:

102.1.2.2.1 In order for a Rater Candidate to be certified as a Home Energy Rater, they must satisfactorily complete two (2) supervised ratings as part of Rater training and a minimum of three (3) probationary ratings within twelve (12) months of successfully passing the National Core Rater Test, the National Rating Practical Test, the CAZ or all RESNET required Rater exams-.

Response:

Accept X

Accept as modified-

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Reject _____

Reason: