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# 2019 QAD Roundtable

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# Presentation Agenda

- Key Standard Amendments
  - ▷ File QA
  - ▷ Multiple Addenda to ANSI 3014
- Observations/Clarifications
  - ▷ Raters using Multiple Providers
  - ▷ EIA Utility Costs
- Lessons learned from Field Observations

## ANSI/RESNET Standard Dates

### *Transition Period*

The period of time beginning on the Effective Date, during which an amendment shall be **allowed**, but not required, to be used for any Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit.

### *Transition Period End Date*

The date that concludes the Transition Period. An amendment shall be **required** to be used for a Dwelling Unit or Sleeping Unit whose Building Permit Date is after this date.

# Minimum Requirements: File QA Reviews

- Current Reference to QA Data File Leaves the Requirement Dependent on a Definition Elsewhere in the Standards
- Addendum 36: Define requirements for File QA Review
  - ▷ Proposal Under Revision Due to Addendum N/Appendix B
  - ▷ Revised Proposal Could be Completed by 3/31/2018
  - ▷ Next Steps:
    - ▷ Send to SD-000
    - ▷ Public Comment Period Later in 2019

# Minimum Requirements: File QA Reviews

- Field Photos
  - ▷ Elevations
  - ▷ Mechanical Nameplates
  - ▷ Building Assemblies
- Plans
- Field Inspection Forms



# ANSI 3012014 Multiple Addenda

- Effective Now (can be used)
- Transition Period End Date is July 1, 2019 (must be used for homes permitted after this date)
- Blog Link <http://www.resnet.us/blog/resnetstandardsupdate/resnetansiapprovedaddenda-1-and-n-and-resnetapprovedminhersaddendum39/>
- (Note Addendum 39 is also included here because like the others, it addresses an issue now that is also addressed in the 2019 update of ANSI 301)

## ANSI 301: Addendum N

- Replaces ~~On-site~~ Inspection Procedures From Appendix A of MINHERS
- Adds Photo and other specific documentation requirements
- Expanded to include Procedures for ~~Multi-unit~~ Buildings



## ANSI 301: Addendum F

- Replaces Insulation Grading from Appendix A of MINHERS
- Adds New Grading for:
  - ▷ SIPS
  - ▷ SPF(open/closed cell)
  - ▷ Radiant Barriers
  - ▷ Insulated Sheathing





# ANSI 301: Addendum L

## Revises Duct LTO Exception

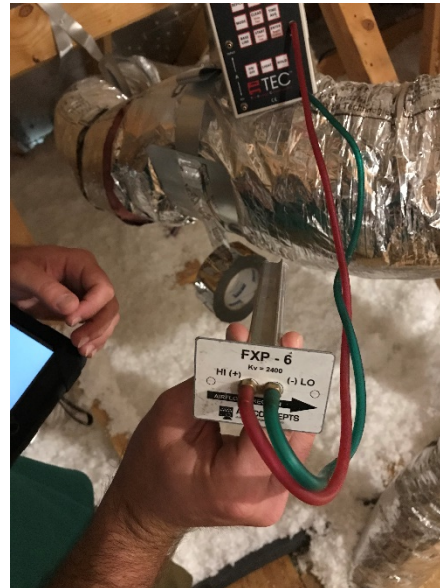
- ▷ Criteria Broader
- ▷ HERS Reference  
Home Comparison  
Changed



## MINHERS Addendum 39

Interim solutions for:

- ▶ MV Airflow that cannot be measured
- ▶ MV Wattage that cannot be determined



# Three's Company: 1 Rater, 2 Providers



## Scenario 1: Rater Switches Providers

- Formal Interpretation 20-02 Covers QA Responsibilities when a rater switches from one Provider to another.
  - ▶ Each Provider is responsible for completing QA to RESNET required levels for all rating work completed by the Rater under their Providership (i.e. 1% field and 10% file review).
- [http://www.resnet.us/standards/Board\\_Interpretation\\_on\\_QA\\_Responsibilities\\_When\\_Rater\\_Changes\\_Provider.pdf](http://www.resnet.us/standards/Board_Interpretation_on_QA_Responsibilities_When_Rater_Changes_Provider.pdf)



## Scenario 2: Rater Uses Multiple Providers Concurrently

Each Provider is responsible for completing QA to RESNET required levels for all rating work completed by the Rater under their Providership (i.e. 1% field and 10% file review).



# Utility Costs



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## Detailed State Data

Final annual data for 2017  
 Release Date: October 12, 2018  
 Next Release Date: November 2019  
 Re-released: January 15, 2019 [Revision/Corrections](#)

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 Release date: J  
 Next release da

Annual data	format	Monthly data
1990 - 2017 Net Generation by State by Type of Producer by Energy Source (EIA-906, EIA-920, and EIA-923) <sup>1</sup>	XLS	2001 - Present N E
1990 - 2017 Fossil Fuel Consumption for Electricity Generation by Year, Industry Type and State (EIA-906, EIA-920, and EIA-923) <sup>2</sup>	XLS	2001 - Present F G
1990 - 2017 Existing Nameplate and Net Summer Capacity by Energy Source, Producer Type and State (EIA-860) <sup>1, 3</sup>	XLS	
2018 - 2022 Proposed Nameplate and Net Summer Capacity by Year, Energy Source, and State (EIA-860) <sup>1</sup>	XLS	
1990 - 2017 U.S. Electric Power Industry Estimated Emissions by State (EIA-767, EIA-906, EIA-920, and EIA-923) <sup>4</sup>	XLS	
1990 - 2017 <b>Average Price by State</b> by Provider (EIA-861) <sup>5</sup>	XLS	
1990 - 2017 Number of Retail Customers by State by Sector (EIA-861) <sup>5</sup>	XLS	
1990 - 2017 Retail Sales of Electricity by State by Sector by Provider (EIA-861) <sup>5</sup>	XLS	
1990 - 2017 Revenue from Retail Sales of Electricity by State by Sector by Provider (EIA-861) <sup>5</sup>	XLS	

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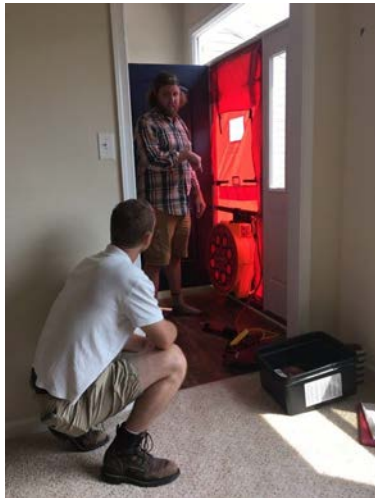
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	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Average Price (Cents/kilowatthour) by State by Provider, 1990-2017</b>					
2	Year	State	Industry Sector Category	Residential	Commercial	Industrial
3	2017	AK	Total Electric Industry	21.27	18.89	16.34
4	2017	AL	Total Electric Industry	12.55	11.60	6.16
5	2017	AR	Total Electric Industry	10.28	8.51	6.07
5	2017	AZ	Total Electric Industry	12.44	10.50	6.45
7	2017	CA	Total Electric Industry	18.31	15.76	12.73
3	2017	CO	Total Electric Industry	12.17	9.89	7.50
9	2017	CT	Total Electric Industry	20.29	16.06	13.10
0	2017	DC	Total Electric Industry	12.94	11.66	8.23
1	2017	DE	Total Electric Industry	13.35	9.89	7.78
2	2017	FL	Total Electric Industry	11.61	9.35	7.83
3	2017	GA	Total Electric Industry	11.90	10.09	5.96
4	2017	HI	Total Electric Industry	29.50	26.77	22.92
5	2017	IA	Total Electric Industry	12.34	9.46	6.21
6	2017	ID	Total Electric Industry	10.04	7.98	6.66
7	2017	IL	Total Electric Industry	12.95	9.09	6.47
8	2017	IN	Total Electric Industry	12.29	10.54	7.54
9	2017	KS	Total Electric Industry	13.31	10.59	7.54
0	2017	KY	Total Electric Industry	10.85	9.85	5.72
1	2017	LA	Total Electric Industry	9.74	8.95	5.48
2	2017	MA	Total Electric Industry	20.06	15.94	13.88
3	2017	MD	Total Electric Industry	13.96	10.75	8.37
4	2017	MF	Total Electric Industry	15.97	12.12	9.20



# Best Practices

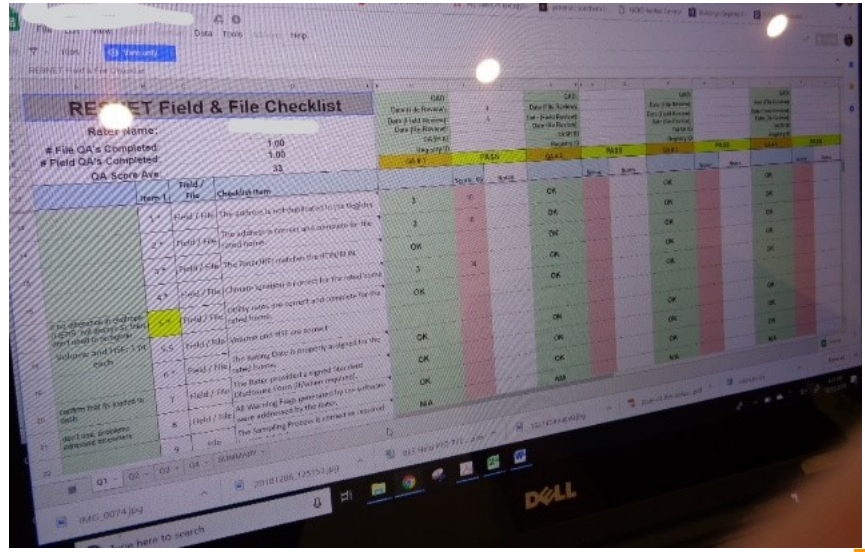
Combination of ridealong redo QA and blind QA



# Best Practices

## Using RESNET's Field QA Checklist

- And adding columns per home to follow field raters'/RFIs' trends



# Best Practices

## Predrywall QA

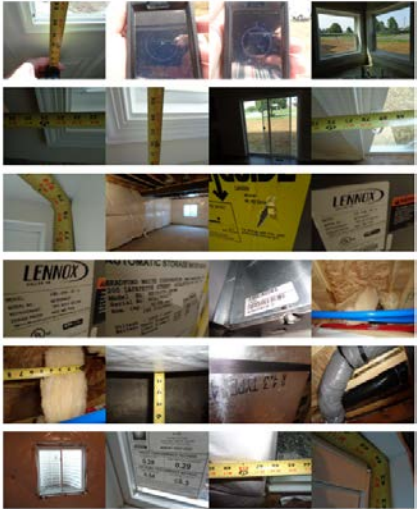
- ▶ Above and beyond the required # of final QA



# Best Practices

- Full side by side comparison report with detailed QA notes and photos
- Regular calls or meetings with raters/RFI's to communicate QA issues

	Site 105	Site 106	Site 107
Heating Equipment Efficiency	93 AFUE	93 AFUE	93
Heating Equipment Location	Conditioned area	Conditioned area	Conditioned area
Cooling Equipment Capacity	14.00 MBH/CT	22.4 OUT	ASST 8750 BTU No Change to 10200 Series
Cooling Equipment Efficiency	13 SEER	11 SEER	93
Cooling Equipment Location	Conditioned area	Conditioned area	Conditioned area
Heat Pump - Pump Energy	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heat Pump Energy Units	N/A	N/A	N/A
DHW Capacity	50	50	50
DHW Efficiency	69	69	137' w/ 0.2' or 127' w/ 0.11 ASST 2000-4112 No change to 10200 Series
DHW Location	Conditioned area	Conditioned area	Conditioned area
DHW Type	Domestic water heating only	Domestic water heating only	Conditioned area
Mechanical Ventilation (MV) System Type	Exhaust Only	Exhaust Only	Conditioned area
MV Floor	35	35	37% Difference No change to 10200 Series
MV Ints/Dw	24	24	93
MV Wallage	11.6	11.6	11.6
Clothes Washer LEI/Wh	304	304	304
Clothes Dryer EF	2.62	2.62	2.62
Clothes Dryer Fuel	Electric	Gas vented	Conditioned area
Lighting W/ Fixture	87.5% Interior 200% Exterior 66% Garage	87.5% Interior 200% Exterior 80% Garage	87 = 21.24 = 87.5 88 = 1.7 Cap = 2.5 80%
Dishwasher kWh/yr	270	304	304
Dishwasher EF	0	304	304
Refrigerator kWh/yr	309	309	309
Ceiling Fan chn/wall	0	N/A	N/A
Ceiling Type	Area: 1854, 1854 R-value: 35, 35 Area: 0, 0		13" average of 1850s. Ig
Ceiling Type: Attic hatch	R-Value: 35	30	6" Flashed Foam No Change to Series
Window Orientation: East	Area: 133.0	127	ASST Good
Window Orientation: South	Area: 33.0	8	
Window Orientation: West	Area: 154.0	150	



## Best Practices

### Good practices to share with Raters/RFIs

- ▶ At preinsulation inspections, spray painting seams and gaps
- ▶ Selfie stick for taking photos of hard to reach items (lights, HVAC, etc.)
- ▶ Mark up failure items on electronic plans to communicate to builders



## Areas for Improvement

Verify all minimum rated features available at final.

▸ Inspect attic insulation, observe rater verifying MRFs (if ridealong)



# Areas for Improvement

## Annual report of rater/RFI errors

- ▶ minor “attention to detail” items that QADs discusses with rater, but does not include in the report to RESNET.
- ▶ “pass, pass, pass”: perfect work or rubber stamping?
- ▶ Continual improvement of quality of ratings

File Review Date	Field Review Date	Findings
2/12/2017		Pass
2/12/2017		Pass
2/12/2017		Pass
2/12/2017		Pass
2/12/2017		Pass
2/12/2017		Pass
2/12/2017		Pass
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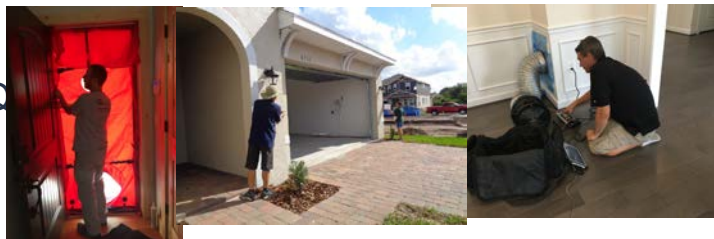
- Correct Modeling of Lighting and Appliances (when not installed at final)
- ANSI 30-2014 4.2.2.5.2.8
  - ▶ either look up specs for installed unit or use the default
- If appliance is not installed at final, RESNET Standards state that appliance be modeled with the RESNET Default



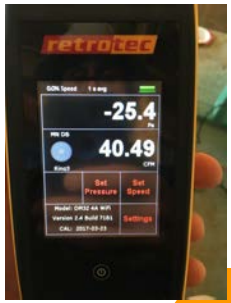


# Areas for Improvement

- More blind QA
- More ridealong redo Q



- TDL at rough instead of LTO at final; QAD can not QA duct testing
  - Need rough duct QA in these cases (will count as QAD in 30)



## Observations & Follow Up

Leveling the playing field goes in every direction; working to level the playing fields



# Observations & Follow Up

- Issues with QAG and modeling software; working with QAG to correct/adjust flags
- Issues with one modeling software when downloaded from the RESNETs Registry; working with our IT folks and software vendor to remedy

Flags	
<b>Outlier:</b>	8,395 (5.15 per rating)
<b>Red:</b>	2,341 (1.44 per rating)
Most Common Flags	
Window SHGC Value(s) (74.23%)	
Clothes Washer Changed from Preset (60.61%)	
Ceiling Assembly Calculated R-value (52.27%)	
Window SHGC Value(s) (51.35%)	
Wall Framing Factor (30.31%)	
Door-to-Wall Ratio (29.33%)	
Door-to-Wall Ratio (28.28%)	
Duct Leakage Testing (24.85%)	
Door-to-Floor Ratio (23.99%)	
Door-to-Floor Ratio (22.02%)	

### Buildings Registry Admin

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Registration Type:

Provider:

Rater:

Street Address:

State:

Software:

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Date Registered:  to

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## Observations & Follow Up

Standard Amendment proposal submitted:

- ▶ Implementation issues with new ventilation testing. Needed guidance for untestable systems and where fan watts are not available
- ▶ Needed more clear language on what supporting documentation to collect
- ▶ Guidance on criteria for advanced framing

**SUBMITTING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED ANSI/RESNET STANDARDS AND PROPOSED NEW CANDIDATE ANSI/RESNET STANDARDS**

RESNET welcomes proposed amendments to approved ANSI/RESNET standards and proposed new candidate ANSI/RESNET consensus standards. Proposed amendments and new standards must be submitted online or to the RESNET Manager of Standards using the RESNET New Work Item (NWI) form.

RESNET's approved ANSI/RESNET standards are under continuous maintenance and change proposals will be reviewed when submitted in accordance with the [RESNET Standards Development Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

To submit a proposed amendment or proposed new standard, fill out the online Form below. Proposed changes to existing standards **must** be submitted in underline/strike out format and clearly identify specific sections. Justification must be provided for each change.

Local codes and program requirements sometimes contradict RESNET standard; working with implementers to find way for rater to satisfy both

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<b>Date Range:</b>	<input type="text"/> to <input type="text"/>
<b>Total Ratings:</b>	31,200
<b>Registration Type(s):</b>	Confirmed Rating (21771 ratings) Sampled Rating (9429 ratings)
<b>Home Type(s):</b>	Single-Family (19930 ratings) Low-rise Multi-family (9085 ratings) Duplex (2185 ratings)
<b>Climate Zone(s):</b>	4A - Mixed - Humid (16932 ratings) 3A - Warm - Humid (14158 ratings) 5A - Cool - Humid (110 ratings)
<b>Software(s):</b>	RemRate (24763 ratings) Ekotrope (6437 ratings)
<b>Flags</b>	
<b>Outlier:</b>	91,080 (2.92 per rating)
<b>Red:</b>	6,031 (0.19 per rating)
<b>Most Common Flags</b>	
Ratings in One Day (51.54%)	
Clothes Washer Changed from Preset (30.76%)	
Rating registered 30+ days after rated date (17.59%)	
Ceiling Assembly Calculated R-value (16.77%)	
Window Orientations (15.93%)	
Mechanical Equipment Set to Default EAE (14.36%)	
Blower Door Infiltration (13.88%)	
Window Interior Shading (11.44%)	
Estimate Return Duct Surface Area (10.53%)	
Water Heater EF (10.27%)	

## Q&A

# Thank you!

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