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We support the enforcement of CEC Title 24, whereby raters can use the existing, readily available ratings in the HVI-Certified Products Directory to demonstrate compliance. Clarification can be added to ensure that additional testing and re-certification is not needed for range hoods already HVI Certified for both High Speed and for the optional Working Speed. These ratings are also the basis for range hoods to qualify for ENERGY STAR.

HVI understands that the enforcement of CEC Title 24 is intended to utilize the product ratings currently in the HVI CPD since:

1. The cost of additional testing was not considered prior to issuing the draft.
2. Product availability would be seriously reduced if the interpretation does not align with common rating practices specific to range hoods, which have been vetted, and are included in programs such as ENERGY STAR.
3. The estimated timeline for retesting would extend over multiple years and slow the adoption of the Capture Efficiency program. HVI Capture Efficiency Rating program is being developed and will require retesting of range hoods soon.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter and look forward to working with the CEC.

Sincerely,

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Additional submitted attachment is included below.
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