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**Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period****Docket No. 19-BSTD-10****Revised Application for Approval of Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) Product Directory for use in place of Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) Directory for Kitchen Range Hoods****Purpose**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) previously posted an application for approval of an alternative procedure for demonstrating compliance with the 2019 California Energy Code (Energy Code), triggering a mandatory 60-day public review period per California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Sections 10-109 and 10-110. Following that public comment period the applicant made substantive revisions to its application materials to address feedback from staff and the public. The CEC is now making the revised materials available for an additional 15-day public comment period.

The revised application from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) has been determined to be complete by CEC staff, including all the supporting information necessary to demonstrate the potential use of the AHAM Kitchen Range Hood directory as an equivalent, alternative method of demonstrating compliance with Part 6 where use of the Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) Kitchen Range Hood directory is required.

The CEC seeks additional public comments on whether AHAM's program and directory provides an identical demonstration of compliance with American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) ventilation standards as provided by the HVI certification program and associated directory. In particular, the CEC is interested in public feedback on whether use of the AHAM directory should be allowed as an alternative source of product performance data where verification to an HVI directory listing would otherwise be required, and whether the revisions address previously submitted public comments and concerns.

The full application is available for download on the [CEC's docket website](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-10) (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-10>).

Background

HVI maintains directories of ventilation products and equipment as a part of their Certified Rating Programs. ASHRAE 62.2, *Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings*, directs that product performance for kitchen range hoods be verified using the associated HVI directory, in part because the HVI directory has historically been the sole publicly available source for the product data needed for confirming compliance with ASHRAE specifications. The Energy Code incorporates ASHRAE 62.2 by reference, and as a consequence includes identical requirements to verify kitchen range hood product data using the HVI directory.

Provisions in the California Administrative Code (Title 24, Part 1) that pertain to the Energy Code include a provision in Section 10-109 stating that “the Commission may authorize alternative procedures or protocols that demonstrate compliance with Part 6.” AHAM has recently created a product testing and listing program for kitchen range hoods under their Verifide® program, with the goal of providing the same service as is provided by the HVI Certified Rating Program. AHAM is now seeking approval under 10-109 for use of its program and directory for demonstrating compliance with Part 6 where the HVI directory would otherwise be required or specified.

Public Comments

Written comments should be submitted by: **5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2020.**

If you wish to submit comments on the application, please submit them using the e-commenting feature on the [CEC's docket webpage](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-10) (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-10>).

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You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system described above to submit comments. If you are unable or do not wish to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the docket number 19-BSTD-10 and indicating “AHAM Directory Approval” may be sent to:

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The proposal and supporting materials can be downloaded at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-10>.