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RA3.7.4.3 Kitchen Range Hood

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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RE: Alternate testing method for RA3.7.4.3 Kitchen Range Hood

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to adding an additional testing option for RA3.7.4.3 Kitchen Range Hood Verification. As a large HERS testing company we are currently experiencing builders installing kitchen range hoods that are not listed on the Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) directory. Currently the only course of action for Kitchen Ranges Hoods that are not listed is to remove them.

California Living & Energy (CLE) would like to propose allowing the HERS rater to field test these kitchen range hoods that are not listed on the HVI website. The HERS rater is familiar with all the equipment required, flow hood and decibel meter and under the CHEERS and CalCERTS registries, Raters are already certified to collect similar data. A minor change on the registry's will be needed to allow for field verification vs. HVI certification. Should the kitchen range hoods fail to meet the airflow and sone ratings requirements in the field the test would still be a fail.

This will allow builders who have already purchased and installed these hoods the ability to deliver homes without forcing homeowner delays.

Sincerely,

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