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Mr. Michael Scalzo, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Scalzo:

The safety and well-being of all Californians continues to be of utmost importance to the California Energy Commission (CEC). To maintain the health and safety of the public and to limit the community spread of COVID-19, the CEC will permit Acceptance Test Technician Certification Providers (ATTCPs) to make the following adjustments to their acceptance test technician (ATT) training and quality assurance (QA) procedures.

1. Online Acceptance Test Technician Training

ATTCPs provide ATT training pursuant to the requirements of the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) found at Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 1, Sections 10-103.1(c) and 10-103.2(c). The training consists of in-person classroom lecture and hands-on training. Consistent with guidance from public health officials, the CEC will consider ATTCPs to have met these requirements by conducting classroom lecture training online via videoconference instead of in person during this pandemic. The hands-on component of training must continue to be held in person following all state and local health protocols, since the hands-on training can only be conducted in person at the ATTCP's training facility.

2. Delay On-Site Quality Assurance Field Audits

ATTCPs conduct QA audits pursuant to the requirements of Energy Code Sections 10-103.1(c)Fii and 10-103.2(c)Fii. On-site QA audits must be conducted at a minimum rate of one percent of completed acceptance tests. Consistent with guidance from public health officials, the CEC will consider ATTCPs to have met this requirement by performing the audits after applicable COVID-19 public health orders are lifted.

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We believe these steps are reasonably necessary because of the COVID-19 pandemic and will help to limit in-person contact between technicians, ATTCP staff, building professionals, and the public while allowing ATTCPs to train and support essential workers. This notice will remain in effect until further notice is provided by the CEC or until applicable COVID-19 public health orders are lifted. Any other changes to an approved ATTCP program must be approved by the CEC pursuant to the application amendment process in the 2019 Energy Code Sections 10-103.1(f) and 10-103.2(f).

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Wong at (916) 776-7186 or via e-mail at daniel.wong@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Bohan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Drew Bohan
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