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Changes to the Energy Code

Hello,

I went to a CalCerts meeting on the 45 Day Language changes that are coming to the upcoming 2025 Energy Code. I think there is a lot of good things that will help out honest HERS or ECC Raters. But there are a couple things that concern me.

1. Verified Refrigerant Charge

The majority of heat pumps being installed in my area are Do-It-Yourself pre-charged units. These units cannot do the Verified Refrigerant Charge as easily. Could there be more detail on this matter? Like telling us if pre-charged units will be exempt from this rule. It would save a lot of money and waste if they didn't have to be verified.

2. QA

While I agree that more QA should happen to root out bad raters, the new rules for sampling seem excessive. Some jobs will need almost 40% QA. All the raters will have to pay for this with our annual fees. It just seems like that is too much.

3. Exemplary Raters

I love this rule. It benefits the raters that are doing their job right.

Thank you for all your hard work and for helping California be more energy efficient,
Philip Piceno
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