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Acceptance Testing Enforcement

Lighting Controls and Mechanical Systems in Nonresidential Buildings

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Acceptance Testing and the ATTCP
- Builders and Contractors
- Authorities Having Jurisdiction
- Questions and Answers

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In this presentation we will go over the introduction to help get everyone on the same page.

We will then discuss some background regarding acceptance testing in general and the ATTCP.

We will discuss the tools the builders and contractors to demonstrate compliance with the Energy Code.

Finally, we will discuss the tools for the AHJ to enforce the Energy Code using the ATTCP program.



Acronyms Used

ATTCP	Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider
ATT	Acceptance Test Technician
ATE	Acceptance Test Employer
AHJ	Authority Having Jurisdiction
CEC	California Energy Commission
NRCC	Nonresidential Certificate of Compliance
NRCI	Nonresidential Certificate of Installation
NRCA	Nonresidential Certificate of Acceptance

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These are eight (8) of the main acronyms that are used in this presentation. While we are introducing these acronyms here, we will be discussing them in more detail later in the presentation.

ATTCP stands for Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider

There are six (6) ATTCPs

They are approved by the CEC

They provide training, certification, and oversight for the ATTs and ATEs.

ATT stands for Acceptance Test Technician

This is the person that performs the acceptance test required in the Energy Code (Sections 130.4 and 120.5).

They can also be the installing technician. They are not required to be an independent 3rd party.

ATE stands for Acceptance Test Employer

This is the person that is responsible to ensure that the ATT performs the acceptance test and completes the required compliance documentation (Section 10-103).

The ATT and the ATE can be the same person.

AHJ stands for Authority Having Jurisdiction

Generally, this refers to the local building department, but may also refer to other state or federal agencies.

For example, the Division of the State Architect is the AHJ for California Schools.

CEC stands for the California Energy Commission

NRCC, NRCI, and NRCA are the compliance documentation required by the Energy Code throughout the various stages of construction.

NRCC stands for Nonresidential Certificate of Compliance and is the documentation that must accompany the application for a construction permit to an AHJ. It is approved (or denied) by the AHJ with all the other application documentation.

NRCI stands for Nonresidential Certificate of Installation. The NRCIs are completed by the installing technician and are meant to be a convenient means for the AHJ Inspector to verify that the installed equipment is consistent with the NRCC documentation or that the NRCC has been updated. It should be noted that the NRCIs are undergoing a significant revision at this time.

NRCA stand for the Nonresidential Certificate of Acceptance. This is the test of the installed equipment (or feature in some cases). There are four main trades in acceptance testing, Envelope, Mechanical, Lighting, and Covered Processes.

This presentation will be concerned with the Mechanical and Lighting Controls acceptance testing.

Be prepared to answer questions comparing the HERS program to the ATTCP program.



Introduction





Learning Goals

Understand the ATTCP Program

Builders and contractors

- ATTCP program to demonstrate code compliance
- Secure an ATT certification
- Engineer or architect can rely on program

Authorities Having Jurisdiction

- ATTCP program to enforce Energy Code
- Inspectors can rely on efficacy of program
- Other checks for inspectors to use

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Builders and Contractors and AHJs have always had a difficult relationship. There are many complaints on both sides.

The ATTCP program was originally developed to create a means for the AHJ to enforce the Energy Code requirements.

It does this by admitting that the contractor and builder do not know how to demonstrate compliance.

So, the first responsibility is to training and certify the builder and contractor on how to comply with the Energy Code.

The second responsibility is to train the AHJ on how to enforce the ATTCP program without additional undue burden.



ATTCP Program

CEC approves ATTCPs to

- Train, certify, and oversee ATTs and ATEs

ATTs perform tests in nonresidential buildings for

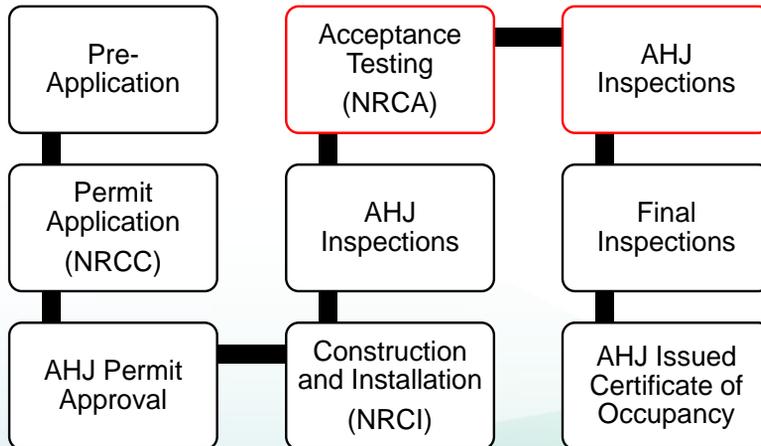
- Lighting Controls
- Mechanical Systems

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Acceptance Test Technicians perform required tests for lighting controls and mechanical systems in nonresidential buildings. The California Energy Commission's approved Acceptance Test Technician Certification Providers (ATTCP) train, certify, and oversee the technicians and their employers.



Construction Process Overview



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This is a representation of the Construction Process – I don't need to say that this is idealized.

The pre-application process is a long process.

This include securing the project site, providing initial designs, checking with zoning, producing detailed designs, and compliance documentation.

Many project end in the pre-application phase for a variety or reasons.

The Permit Application is required to include the NRCCs.

There are 10 NRCCs possible, which are generally broken down by trades.

The Energy Commission now provide Dynamic forms for all 10 NRCCs that generally guide the builder or contractor that are required to complete the forms.

The NRCCs are submitted to the AHJ for approval. Our advice to the AHJs is to review these NRCCs to make sure that they are consistent with the other permit application documents.

The NRCC for mechanical (NRCC-MCH-E) and lighting controls (NRCC-LTI-E, NRCC-LTO-E) include a table at the end of the form indicating what acceptance tests are required for the construction project.

Once the AHJ approves the application, they are also approving the NRCC. The AHJ approved NRCC is important for the inspector and the ATT at acceptance testing, because it includes the acceptance tests that are required for the project.

Construction may begin once the builder or contractor has the Permit to Construct.

The normal inspection from the AHJ will occur as required, but the building or contractor is required to ensure that the installing technician completes the NRCI and that it is consistent with the NRCC. While there are often change orders, in many cases these do not affect the NRCC, but in the cases where they do, the builder or contractor is responsible for updating the NRCC and getting it approved by the AHJ.

Acceptance testing may be required for envelope, lighting, mechanical, and covered processes.

For lighting controls and mechanical (the most typical tenant improvements), the acceptance test must be performed by an ATT.

All acceptance tests have an NRCA form that is completed by the installing technician and submitted to the AHJ.

The AHJ can require that the acceptance test be performed in front of them.

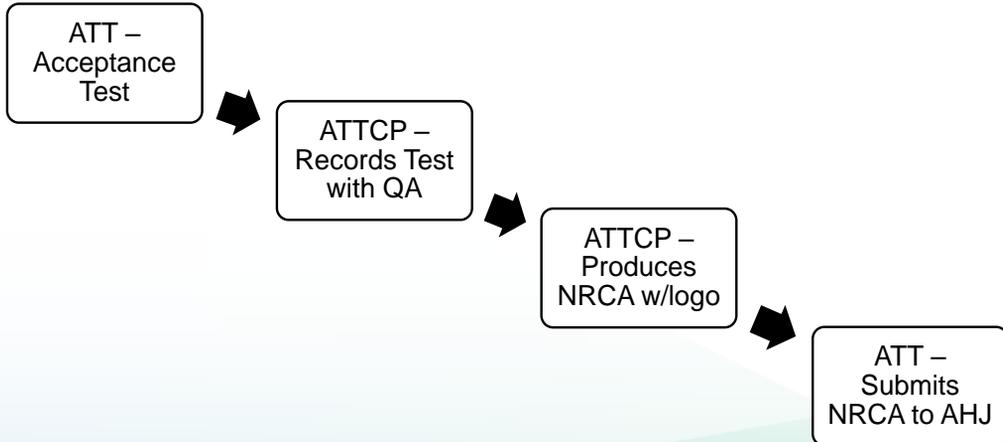
Final inspection and the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy proceed as they normally do for any jurisdiction.

For the most part, the construction process is not changed from what is required and is typical practice now.

The changes will be during the acceptance testing and AHJ inspection for lighting controls and mechanical systems.



Enforcing Acceptance Testing



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ATT perform and document the acceptance test for the AHJ approval. The ATT will perform the required acceptance test as indicated on the NRCC and as specified in the Energy Code.

- So, the ATT must have access to an AHJ approved NRCC and the NRCI. The ATT will submit the complete acceptance test results to the ATTCP. The ATTCP performs up to three levels of quality assurance checks on the ATT acceptance tests:

- First level: the data entered in the system
- Second level: paper/desk audit
- Third level: on-site audit

Most AHJ are not familiar with QA – be prepared to provide more details if asked

The ATTCP will issue a PDF of the completed acceptance test to the ATT, who will submit it to the AHJ for approval.

The PDF will carry the ATTCP logo and other markings to indicate authenticity. The AHJ Inspector is only required to receive a valid NRCA.

- The Inspector can verify that the NRCA is valid or go even further, all the way to requiring that the ATT perform the acceptance test in front of them.



ATT Certification Enforcement Dates

- Lighting Control enforced since July 2014
- Mechanical Systems CEC expected enforcement on October 1, 2021

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Installing technicians are required to be certified acceptance test technicians to perform the Energy Code required acceptance tests for lighting controls as of July 2014.

However, technicians were only recently required to be certified ATTs to perform the acceptance tests for mechanical system by the Energy Commission (April 14, 2021).

In that decision, the Energy Commission recommends that the AHJ not enforce the mechanical ATT certification requirement until October 1, 2021. The Energy Commission recommends that the ATT certification requirement apply to project permitted on or after October 1, 2021.



Acceptance Testing and the ATTCP





Acceptance Testing

- Final stage of equipment installation
- Construction inspection and functional testing
- Goal: design compliance, functional design, code compliance
- Performed and documented by installing technician
- Submitted to AHJ

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Required since the 2005 Energy Code cycle

Acceptance testing is required now, but compliance and enforcement have not been consistent.

Final stage of equipment installation

At this stage, the equipment has been installed and is sometimes inspected by the AHJ.

The technician then performs the acceptance test as prescribed by the Energy Code.

Construction inspection and functional testing

Each acceptance test includes a construction inspection prior to the functional test.

The construction inspection includes verification that the design documents are available to the technician and that the device or construction element is in place and ready to be tested.

Functional testing is a step-by-step instruction for actively testing the installation and is prescribed in Code.

Typically, testing control systems is a simple matter of verifying that the controls respond appropriately.

Goal: design compliance, functional, and code compliance

The goal of acceptance testing is three-fold:

First, verify that the installation is compliant with the approved design. This is where the ATT must review the nonresidential certificate of compliance (NRCC) that the project applicant submitted to the AHJ for approval. When the AHJ approved the permit application, the NRCCs are approved as well and represent compliance with the Energy Code. So, the ATT must first verify that the installation was installed to design requirements.

Secondly, the installation must be functional.

The goal is that the installation must function appropriately and meet the requirements of the design.

For mechanical installations this means passing the inspection and functional testing typically delivering the minimum air required in the NRCC.

Thirdly, the installation must be tested in accordance with the functional testing requires in the Energy Code.

The installation can be additionally tested to manufacturer requirements but must be test in accordance with the code.

Performed and documented by the installing technician

Acceptance testing has always been the responsibility of the installing technician.

However, it is permissible to use a third-party.

The acceptance is signed by the technician and the responsible person.

The responsible person is typically an engineer, architect, general contractor, or project owner.

Submitted to the authority having jurisdiction (or AHJ)

The "responsible person" is responsible for making the acceptance test compliance document (NRCA) available to the AHJ.

However, this can be delegated to the technician as well.



ATTCP Program Background

- Established in the 2013 Energy Code
- Improve compliance for lighting controls and mechanical systems
- Private organizations approved by CEC
- Train, certify, provide oversight for ATTs / ATEs
- Tracking system for compliance forms

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Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider (ATTCP) Program Established in the 2013 Energy Code

The purpose of the program is to improve acceptance testing compliance

Limited to lighting controls and mechanical systems

Does not include Envelope or Covered Processes (See Energy Code Sections 120.5 and 130.4)

Private organizations approved by the CEC

There are 6 total ATTCPs, 2-lighting controls and 4-mechanical

Train, certify, and provide oversight for Acceptance Test Technicians and Employers (ATTs/ATEs)

The oversight includes a significant quality assurance program that each ATTCP is responsible for performing.

It includes 3-levels of QA:

First level: the data entered in the system

Second level: paper/desk audit

Third level: on-site audit

Internal database forms tracking system

This is tied to the QA and allows the ATTCP to enforce the requirements

Only ATTs are allowed access to the database to complete the NRCA documents

Once completed, these NRCAs are issued from the ATTCP with its watermark and logo to aid in enforcement by the AHJs



ATTCP Responsibilities

- Train and certify ATTs and ATEs
- Quality Assurance Program
- Complaints Process
- Generate NRCA Compliance Documents

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Compliance training for Technicians & Employers

Employer Training

4-hour classroom training

Overview of what the technician is required to do

Technicians Training

Minimum 3-years of experience

Both classroom and laboratory trained

Written and Laboratory Certification Exams

ATTCP Quality Assurance Program

Acceptance test results are screened as they are entered

1% - 3% of completed acceptance tests are reviewed

ATTCP performs an on-site inspection on 1% of acceptance tests for each ATT

Complaints Process

The ATTCP takes all complaints through a review and authentication process approved by the California Energy Commission.

At the end of the year, all complaints are reviewed by the Energy Commission and posted on our website.



Lighting Controls ATTCPs

Approved by CEC

- National Lighting Contractors Association of America (NLCAA)
- California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP)

Read the slide



Mechanical Systems ATTCPs

Approved by CEC

- California State Pipe Trades Council (CSPTC)
- National Energy Management Institute Committee (NEMIC)
- National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB)
- Refrigeration Service Engineers Society (RSES)

Read the slide



Builders and Contractors





Triggers for Acceptance Testing

New installation, addition, alteration
Newly constructed building or tenant improvement

2019 ENERGY CODE
Ace Resources
Triggers
New HVAC: Simple and Complex Systems

Acceptance Tests: HVAC Simple Systems

The necessary In-Use Trigger Tests	Nonresidential									
	NCEC-MCH-10.0	NCEC-MCH-10.1	NCEC-MCH-10.2	NCEC-MCH-10.3	NCEC-MCH-10.4	NCEC-MCH-10.5	NCEC-MCH-10.6	NCEC-MCH-10.7	NCEC-MCH-10.8	NCEC-MCH-10.9
Zone T-0-01a	no	YES	no							
DCV	YES	YES	no	YES	YES	YES	no	no	no	no
Heat Pump Controls	no	YES	no							
Shutoff and Reset	no	YES	no							
Variable Frequency Drives	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	no	no	no	no	no
Stairwell Exhaust	no	YES	YES	no						
Stairwell Breaching	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Economizer and FOD	YES	YES	no	YES	no	no	no	YES	no	no
Zone Control	no	YES	no							
Supply Temp. Reset	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Variable Frequency Control	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Duct Systems	YES	no	YES	no						

Any new installation of lighting or mechanical system will typically trigger the requirement for an acceptance test. This includes newly constructed buildings or tenant improvements.

Energy Code Ace offers a full set of what they call trigger sheets. They include new HVAC systems – both Simple and Complex (as defined by the Energy Code) and requirements for newly installed lighting controls.

They are generally geared toward designers, contractors, and engineers, but are available for anyone to review. The trigger sheets suggest the applicable code relevant to the action being taken. As shown here for Simple HVAC System, including the required acceptance testing.

Unfortunately, not every situation is covered by these trigger sheets. And these trigger sheets are not The Energy Code – they are an opinion and not regulation. If there is any question as to the triggered requirements, the Energy Code

itself is the absolute reference.

And, just as a reminder, the builder or contractor is responsible for code compliance, not Energy Code Ace.



General Acceptance Testing Triggers

- Newly installed lighting controls
 - Indoor
 - Outdoor
- Mechanical systems
 - Newly installed
 - Replacement

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All newly constructed nonresidential, high-rise residential, and hotel/motel buildings or additions

with newly installed indoor and/or outdoor lighting and controls will require acceptance testing.

All newly constructed nonresidential, high-rise residential, and hotel/motel buildings or additions

served by at least one HVAC system (newly installed or replacement of an existing system or controls) will require at least one of the mechanical acceptance tests (normally about 5 -7 acceptance tests).

Exception: Any existing and unaltered HVAC or water heating system serving a new addition.



Alterations Indoor Lighting Controls

Acceptance Testing Triggers

- Lighting system installed for first time
- 10% or more of luminaires are altered

Exceptions

- New controls are for 20 or fewer luminaires
- Adding lighting controls only
- Only replacing lamps, ballasts, drivers
- One-for-one luminaire alteration limit 50 per year

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Alterations (or tenant improvements) are the majority of construction activities for nonresidential projects
Most TIs are for indoor lighting controls.

Alterations: Indoor

Lighting controls acceptance testing will be required for the following:

- Spaces where lighting systems are installed for the first time.
- When 10% or more of the luminaires serving a space are altered (per enclosed space).

Exception:

- New lighting controls added to control 20 or fewer luminaires for the entire project.
 - This exception is for the requirement to perform an acceptance test, while the next three are for applying the lighting controls requirements to a project at all.
- Any alteration limited to adding lighting controls, or replacing lamps, ballasts, or drivers.
- One for one luminaire alteration of up to 50 luminaires either per complete floor or tenant space per annum.



Alterations Outdoor Lighting Controls

Acceptance Testing Triggers

- Systems listed in Table 140.7-A or 140.7-B.

Exception

- Controls for 20 or fewer luminaires

TABLE 140.7-A GENERAL HARDSCAPE LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCE			TABLE 140.7-B ADDITIONAL LIGHTING POWER ALLOWANCE FOR SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS <i>All area and distance measurements in plan view unless otherwise noted.</i>					
Type of Power Allowance	Lighting Zone 0 ¹	Lighting Zone 1 ²	Lighting Application	Lighting Zone 0	Lighting Zone 1	Lighting Zone 2	Lighting Zone 3	Lighting Zone 4
Area Wattage Allowance (AWA)	Asphalt/Concrete	Asphalt/Concrete						
Linear Wattage Allowance (LWA)	No allowance ³	0.15 W/lf	Building Entrances or Exits. Allowance per door. Luminaires qualifying for this allowance shall be within 20 feet of the door.	Not applicable	9 watts	15 watts	19 watts	21 watts
Initial Wattage Allowance (IWA)		180 W	Primary Entrances to Senior Care Facilities, Police Stations, Healthcare Facilities, Fire Stations, and Emergency Vehicle Facilities. Allowance per primary entrance(s) only. Primary entrances shall provide access for the general public and shall not be used exclusively for staff or service personnel. This allowance shall be in addition to the building entrance or exit allowance above. Luminaires qualifying for this allowance shall be within 100 feet of the primary entrance.	Not applicable	20 watts	40 watts	57 watts	60 watts
			Drive Up Windows. Allowance per customer service location. Luminaires qualifying for this allowance shall be within 2 mounting heights of the sill of the window.	Not applicable	16 watts	30 watts	50 watts	75 watts
			Vehicle Service Station Uncovered Fuel Dispenser. Allowance per					

¹Continuous lighting is explicitly prohibited in Lighting Zone 0. A parking area, trail head, fee payment kiosk, outdoor, or toilet facility luminaires installed shall meet the maximum total lumens limits.

²If more than 50% of the paved surface of a parking lot is for not include any other General Hardscape areas.

³Narrow band spectrum light sources with a dominant peak wavelength to minimize the impact on local, active professional astronomy or power allowance multiplier.

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Alterations: Outdoor

Alterations or additions to existing outdoor lighting systems that are included in the lighting applications listed in Table 140.7-A and Table 140.7-B.

Table 140.7-A is primarily outdoor lighting zones.

Table 140.7-B lists (for two pages) the specific lighting applications that you will see most of the time.

For example:

Outdoor lighting for entrances

Drive-up windows

Service stations

Sales frontages

Hardscape ornamental lighting

And more

Exception:

New lighting controls added to control 20 or fewer luminaires (for the entire project).



Alterations Mechanical Systems - HVAC

Acceptance Testing Triggers

- Any new or replacement systems or components

Exception

- Electric resistance space heaters for apartments

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Alterations:

- Any new or replacement space conditioning components will require mechanical acceptance testing.

Exceptions:

- Does not apply to replacements of the following if they are equivalent or lower capacity:
- Electric resistance space heaters for high-rise residential apartment units.
- Electric resistance space heaters when natural gas is not available.

ATT to complete their acceptance test construction inspection.
The project will fail acceptance testing without an NRCC approved by the AHJ.



NRCC - Acceptance Tests Tables

Indoor Lighting - NRCC Acceptance Test Requirement Table

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Indoor Lighting
MECC-17-02-01

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
Report Page: 1 of 1
Project Address: [Redacted] Page 4 of 5

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-01 - Must be submitted for a lighting control system, or for an Energy Management Control System (EMCS), to be recognized for compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-02 - Must be submitted for two interlocked systems serving an auditorium, a convention center, a conference room, a multipurpose room, or a theater to be recognized for compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-03 - Must be submitted for a dimmer adjustment factor (DAF) to be recognized for compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-04 - Must be submitted for additional savings realized in a video conferencing studio to be recognized for compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DECLARATION OF REQUIRED CERTIFICATES OF ACCEPTANCE

Field Inspectors: Inspections have been made based on information provided in previous tables of this document. If any violation exists to be changed, please explain why in Table 4, Additional Remarks. These documents must be provided to the building inspector during construction and any work "N/A" in the form name must be completed through an Acceptance Test Technician Contributor Provider (ATTCP). For more information visit: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/efrc/efrc/efrc/efrc.html>

YES	NO	Form/Title	Field Inspector	Pass	Fail
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-01 - Must be submitted for occupancy sensors and automatic timer switch controls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-04 - Must be submitted for automatic daylight controls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-04 - Must be submitted for demand responsive lighting controls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-17-02-04 - Must be submitted for multistage lighting power adjustment factor (LPAF).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-ENV-02 - Must be submitted for daylighting design power adjustment factor (DAF).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CA Building Energy Efficiency Standards - 2019 Nonresidential Compliance <http://www.energy.ca.gov/efrc/efrc/efrc/efrc.html> September 2020

Mechanical - NRCC Acceptance Test Requirement Table

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Mechanical Systems
MECC-Mech-01-01

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
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YES	NO	Form/Title	Systems to be Field Verified	Field Inspector	Pass	Fail
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Outdoor Air must be submitted for all newly installed HVAC units. Note: MECC-01-01 can be performed in conjunction with MECC-01-04 Supply Fan VFD. Acceptance of applicable energy modeling software.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Constant Volume Single Zone HVAC. Note: This form does not automatically cover "N/A" if Outdoor Indoor Single Zone HVAC Systems are included in the scope, permit applicant should review this form to this.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Distribution Duct Leakage		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Air Economizer Controls		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Demand Control Ventilation Systems Acceptance must be submitted for all systems required to comply demand controlled ventilation (before 12/28/2019) per new outside ventilation flow rates based on maintaining interior carbon dioxide (CO2) concentrations.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Supply Fan Variable Flow Controls		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Water Leakage Test		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Supply Water Temperature Reset Controls		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Outdoor System Variable Flow Controls		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MECC-Mech-01-01 Automatic Demand Based Controls		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Each of the lighting controls and mechanical NRCCs include a section that lists the acceptance tests to be performed. On these NRCC, there is a space for the AHJ field inspector to indicate if the acceptance test was completed to their satisfaction. However, it is not required that the AHJ make use of these spaces – they are only included for convenience.

However, the person completing the NRCC can override the acceptance test recommended by the dynamic form. The form provides a space for the author to explain why they are overriding, but there are no further requirements. The CEC is considering requiring an ATT to sign-off on any such override, but there is no guarantee that this would address the issue. Ultimately, the AHJ plans review would be the backstop to ensure that acceptance testing is required at the planning phase. The Field inspector can also require acceptance testing even if the planner missed it, but this is always a difficult position to put the inspector in.



AHJ Permit Application Approval

- NRCCs submitted with plan in permit application
- AHJ approves permit application including NRCC

- Total of 10 NRCC forms
 - 2 for lighting controls
 - 1 for mechanical systems

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Each mechanical and lighting controls acceptance test requires the completed Nonresidential Certificate of Compliance (NRCC) **as approved by the AHJ**. The building permit applicant must complete and submit the NRCC to the AHJ with the permit application.

The AHJ should confirm the required NRCCs specified on the NRCCs.

When the AHJ approves the permit application and issues the permit to construct, they also approve the NRCC.

There are 10 NRCC forms that cover a variety of trades.

They are dynamic forms designed to guide the applicant through the proper completion of the form (to a limited extent).

One of the NRCC forms is for mechanical installations.

Two of the NRCC forms are for lighting controls (indoor and outdoor).



Authorities Having Jurisdiction





AHJ Site Inspection

Enforcement can be simple!

Required

- Reference NRCC to verify required NRCAs
- Verify NRCA submitted has ATTCP logo

Recommended, if Necessary

- Question parts of or entire test
- Take ATTCP Inspector Training
- Ask questions, inspect tools, require demonstration

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The AHJ site inspector has full authority to question any part of the acceptance test or reject the acceptance test.

The CEC is not taking away from the AHJ's authority at all.

NRCA forms can be used as a tool by inspector to spot check installed systems and controls.

The only requirement is for the Inspector to verify that they should get an NRCA by referring to the NRCC approved by the AHJ (typically the planning office) and to then verify that the NRCA they receive from the ATT has the ATTCP Logo.

In a more detailed training provided by the ATTCPs, the inspector will be made aware of simple questions or inspections for each acceptance test that can ensure the acceptance test is legitimate.

The CEC encourages the inspector to question the acceptance test, ask to see the ATT's equipment, or demonstrate the acceptance test (in whole or in part).

However, enforcement of acceptance testing is as simple as ensuring the PDF

is unaltered and carries the ATTCP logo and markings.



Lighting Controls ATTCP Logos



National Lighting Contractors
Association of America



These are the logos that the inspector will see on NRCA for lighting controls



Mechanical Systems ATTCP Logos

a. NEMIC Logo (Background Watermark on NEMIC Acceptance Forms)



b. ICB/TABB Logo (Lower Right-Hand Corner on NEMIC Acceptance Forms)



Title 24 Acceptance Test Technician
Certification Provider (ATTCP) Program



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These are the logos that the inspector will see on NRCA for mechanical systems



Complaint Process

- Available for AHJs and all other parties
- ATTCP complaint processes are CEC-approved
- ATTCPs report complaints to CEC annually
- Complaints can be submitted to CEC directly
- CEC will investigate to achieve resolution

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The ATTCP complaint process is in place for AHJs and all other parties.

Discuss the complaints process that they all have in common.

Each ATTCP uses their own complaint process, but they have all been approved by the CEC in the ATTCP application approval process.

The ATTCPs report the number and outcome of all complaints to the CEC on an annual basis.

The CEC encourages complaints to the CEC if the AHJ is dissatisfied with the ATTCP process.

For all complaint submitted to the CEC, staff will follow up with the ATTCP and ATT as well as the AHJ (or other parties) to investigate and to achieve a resolution for those submitting the compliant(s).



Resources

ATTCP Training:

- [National Lighting Contractors Association of America \(NLCAA\)](#)
- [California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program \(CALCTP\)](#)
- [California State Pipe Trades Council \(CSPTC\)](#)
- [National Energy Management Institute Committee \(NEMIC\)](#)
- [National Environmental Balancing Bureau \(NEBB\)](#)
- [Refrigeration Service Engineers Society \(RSES\)](#)

California Energy Commission:

- [Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider Program](#)
- [Online Resources Center](#)

Energy Code Ace: [Web-Link](#)

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Questions & Answers





Thank You!

