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Subject: Confidentially Report Unpermitted HVAC Change-Outs and Unlicensed Contractors

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Increase Title-24 compliance of HVAC change-outs by reporting unpermitted jobs

Dear Construction Industry Professional,

Less than 10% of HVAC change-out jobs in California are permitted. Even fewer get the required HERS testing performed. Said differently, hundreds of thousands of HVAC change-outs occur each year that do not legally comply with California Building Code.

CHEERS is working with the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California State Licensing Board (CSLB), and local building departments to encourage increased permitting of HVAC change-out jobs and their required HERS ratings.

You can help! Report unpermitted building activity and unlicensed contractors to the <u>CSLB</u>. Doing so helps put all contractors on the same playing field when bidding HVAC change-out jobs.

CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) accepts complaints for any contractor who fails to pull a project building permit for construction activities. In 2018, the CSLB helped recover over \$50 million in ordered restitution for consumers.

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Report a contractor who fails to pull a building permit

You can quickly and confidentially submit a report to the CSLB via the following steps:

- 1. Fill out the <u>CSLB Lead Referral Form</u> for the project in question.
- 2. Attach the form to an email and send it to the appropriate SWIFT office based on the county where the unpermitted activity is taking place:

Northern SWIFT		Central SWIFT	Southern SWIFT
Alameda County	Plumas County	Fresno County	Imperial County
Alpine County	Sacramento County	Inyo County	Los Angeles County
Amador County	San Francisco County	Kern County	Orange County
Butte County	San Joaquin County	Kings County	Riverside County
Calaveras County	San Mateo County	Madera County	San Bernardino County
Colusa County	Santa Clara County	Mariposa County	San Diego County
Contra Costa County	Shasta County	Merced County	Ventura County
Del Norte County	Sierra County	Mono County	
El Dorado County	Siskiyou County	Monterey County	
Glenn County	Solano County	San Benito County	
Humboldt County	Sonoma County	San Luis Obispo County	
Lake County	Stanislaus County	Santa Barbara County	
Lassen County	Sutter County	Santa Cruz County	
Marin County	Tehama County	Tulare County	
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Modoc County	Yolo County		
Napa County	Yuba County		
Nevada County			
Placer County			

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Southern SWIFT

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12501 East Imperial Highway, Suite 610 Norwalk, CA 90650 Office numbers (562) 345-7600 / Fax (562) 466-6065

Email Southern SWIFT

All HVAC jobs should be on equal footing. Homeowners deserve the efficiency a properly installed and HERS tested HVAC system brings. Report unpermitted activity and level the playing field.

energy code compliance in the HVAC change-out industry. If you have an idea to help increase compliance and grow the HERS market, we'd love to hear from you!

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