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In my opinion, aside from any changes that do occur to the way HERS ratings occur or that the process can be thought of only as a bureaucratic regulation, one very important aspect needs to be remembered and needs to continue without a break.

Homeowners make the decision to buy new equipment, yet unknown to them sometimes, their existing duct system is relatively inefficient. When a HERS rater along with an installer find and fix a significant leak or multiple leaks, we as an industry have done a great service for that homeowner.

When my HERS testing for a home goes along without a problem, I am performing a task for the regulation bureaucracy, simply meeting the code and helping to move the permit process along.

But when I help to resolve existing issues with a duct system, I am performing a task for the homeowner, for their comfort and their energy bill.

Whatever changes do occur that service to the homeowner needs to continue seamlessly. My expectation is that the professionals at the CEC will make changes in a logical way that does not interrupt the services that HERS raters currently provide.

Ted Phifer