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CHEERS summary of Express Terms and Appendices sections for review

Due to login issues, I'm submitting the attached for CEC review. CHEERS requests a workshop with the CEC and the other certified Provider to review and collaborate on the various sections impacting the CA HERS industry.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

2025 Standards and RA Express Terms Review

Standards

10-103.3(b)1Avi – Report delivered to building owner. Raters and Rater Companies need to be aware.

10-103.3(b)1Avii – Consent Letter. Raters and Rater Companies need to be aware.

10-103.3(b)1Aviiib – Lock failed project to prevent registration of documents by a different Rater.

10-103.3(b)1Aviiic – Accept failed project registered in a different registry.

10-103.3(b)1B – Conflicted Data. This section as a whole is a solution looking for a problem.

10-103.3(b)1B – Refused access to sampled project results in conflicted data. Raters and Rater Companies need to be aware.

10-103.3(d)5B – Minor issue - Verified Rater – Language still includes non-QII shadow audit and in-lab audit as neither is defined.

10-103.3(d)5C – Minor issue - Heading still includes in-lab audit, needs to be removed.

10-103.3(d)5Cif – Onsite audit for untested sampled homes. Suggest the CEC should conduct a study outside of the Providers QA program to assess the viability of the sampling program.

10-103.3(d)5Cig – Rater held accountable for developers' denial of access. The CEC should apply the requirement to the developer with its own set of consequences.

10-103.3(d)5Ciia – Shadow audit notification.

10-103.3(d)5Ciid – Shadow audit checklist – unable to locate the checklist in RA3.5.

10-103.3(d)5Civa – Maximum variance – The CEC should determine a maximum variance for consistency between Providers QA programs.

10-103.3(d)5Dii,iii,iv – Remedy for failed QA – Response noted in CalCERTS email

10-103.3(d)8 – Rater Company Discipline – The CEC needs to provide examples of how a Rater Company would violate the regulations.

10-103.3(d)10B – Data access – The issues with this requirement were presented to CEC staff during the in office meeting with both providers.

10-103.3(d)11G – Annual Reporting – Several issues with data that Rater Companies are required to submit to the Provider and then to the CEC.

10-103.3(d)15 – Provider Discipline – "failure to allow the Commission full access to the ECC-Provider data registry (Section 10-103.3(d)12)". Full access needs to be clearly defined as this is likely problematic.

10-103.3(d)15 – Provider Discipline – "A severe violation of these regulations includes knowingly creating false field verification or diagnostic testing documents". Providers don't create FVDT documents, this language should be removed.

10-103.3(f)2B,C – Document access for Rater Company – Limits access to CF3R to the Rater specifically.

10-103.3(f)2G – Rater Company Responsibility – Need definition of a violation/s by a Rater that would result in disciplinary action for the Rater Company.

10-103.3(f)2I,J – Rater Company providing data/results – This appears to be a copy/paste from the Rater section and does not directly apply to the Rater company. Needs to be clarified or removed.

Reference Appendices

JA7.5.6.3 Photographic Documentation for Registered Documents – This language only covers "if" a photograph is uploaded. I think we have the support to push for this to become a mandate.

RA3.2 – Changes to the weigh-in procedure for both contractor and Rater.

RA3.2.3.3 – Note to CEC, this section is missing.

NA2.1 – Nonres duct leakage – Completely removed. Not sure why. Now the responsibility of ATT's?? See NA7.5.3.