Residential – Key Topics

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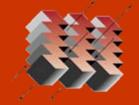
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C. Reference Computer Program



- An evaluation of EnergyPlus has been completed by PG&E
- Gaps have been identified between the capabilities of EnergyPlus and the requirements of the residential and nonresidential ACM manuals.
- Work is continuing, funded by PG&E, PIER and others
- For 2008, the goal is to enable EnergyPlus based compliance tools to meet the ACM requirements



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L. Residential Construction Quality

Existing protocols and calculation methods will be updated:

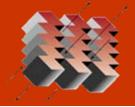
- Duct Sealing
- Supply Duct Location, Surface Area, and R-factor
- Improved Refrigerant Charge
- Installation of Thermostatic Expansion Valve (TXV) (some questions have been raised about the effectiveness of TXVs)
- Maximum Cooling Capacity
- Building Envelope Sealing
- High Quality Insulation Installation
- Adequate airflow through ducts will be considered as a prescriptive requirement
- Fan energy will be considered (covered as separate topic
- Advanced framing systems will be considered for credit

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P. Residential Lighting Improvements



- Removing the controls exemption for support areas such as laundry rooms, utility rooms, and garages, making energy efficiency sources the only option
- Require one high efficacy source on a separate switch in bathrooms larger than 140 square feet (safety issue)



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