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Additional Comments to the California Energy Commission by Mike Gabel on the 2013 Residential (and Nonresidential) ACM Manuals

In using the current calcerts.com HERS provider registry, it's clear that the registries ask for data on a project that are not required ACM inputs. It's really crucial that *all fields required by the registries – for both Residential or Nonresidential registries – also be required fields in the compliance software.* Then the registry can extract all needed data from the XML file without the user having to fill those fields by hand (the current status) within a web site interface which is very time consuming.

For example, calcerts.com currently needs inputs that aren't input in the Residential ACMs such as:

- Year Standards (currently 2008 vs. 2005)
- Zip Code
- Building Department
- Utilities (Gas and Electric)

And the registries should start with default values as None or N/A for any other items they want users to input (e.g., participation in a utility rebate program, permit number, date permit was pulled, HERS Rater, Home Owner Name). The CEC should coordinate with Calcerts (and CHEERS if they re-enter the registry business) to address these issues in the context of the 2013 Standards.

Also important: require the Registries to use the same terminology as showm in the compliance forms.   For example, calcerts.com uses the term "Builder Contact Name" when the CF-1R uses the term "Designer" whereas the registry should use "Designer Contact Name", etc. While this sort of thing may seem incredibly trivial, it causes enormous confusion for people first learning how to use the registry.