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Hi Rachel,

I just reviewed some of the dockets that stated 3rd party HERS raters would not be considered independent if they pull permits for the contractor as well. I just want to get on record, how bizarre that is... I do not see where the conflict of interest is. We are providing a service to comply with the state codes. If there is anything about ALL the HERS raters being involved in a conflict of interest, it would be that ALL HERS raters get paid by the contractor. Now, I would assume this is a conflict of interest. So the contractor is paying you not the homeowner and the contractor and you have a relationship so that is how you get ALL their work, that to me seems like a conflict of interest. Now don't get me wrong that is how I do it too, but I cannot see how by pulling a permit for the contractor as well as performing the HERS test, where the conflict of interest is.

Thank you,



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