Zero Energy Ready Homes



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Meet the Home of the Future: U.S. DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes Jamie Lyons, P.E DOE Zero Energy Ready Home & Robby Schwarz EnergyLogic



I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything.... So if I'm going to learn, I must do it by listening.

Larry King



Good morning is a contradiction of terms.

Jim Davis

Outline

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RELATED SESSIONS

Efficient Hot Water Distribution - 2/16 @ 3:30 pm

Ducts in Conditioned Space – 2/17 @ 10:30 am

IAQ & WaterSense-2/17 @ 10:30 am

Ventilation – 2/17 @ 1:30 pm

Marketing & Sales Strategies for DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes – 2/17 @ 3:30 pm

High R Assemblies – 2/18 @ 8:30 am

Definition / Why Build

- DOE Zero Energy Ready Specs
 - National
 - CA Specific
- Rater Perspectives
- How to Move Forward





Zero Energy Ready Homes Defined





High-performance home SO energy efficient, all or most annual energy consumption can be offset by renewable energy.

Translating Value Proposition



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DOE Zero Energy Ready = Complete Systems

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Ultra-High *Efficiency* Systems

that optimizes cost-effectiveness

Assured Performance Systems

that exceeds consumer expectations

Why Efficiency + Performance

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ZERH Efficiency + Performance

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Business Case for DOE Zero Energy Ready Home



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Innovation Imperative



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Zero Energy Ready Home Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications... How Heavy is the Lift?

- ENERGY STAR Certified Homes v3
- Advanced Windows
- Air-Tight Construction
- 2012 IECC Insulation
- Energy Efficient Components
- Efficient Hot Water Distribution
- **Optimized Duct System**
- Indoor Air Quality
- **Renewable Ready Construction**
- Efficiency Threshold (HERS Index)



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DOE ZERH Framework



| | Exhibit 1: DO | E Challenge Hon | ne Mandat | ory Require | ments for A | II Labeled Homes | |
|--------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| | Area of Improvement | Mandatory Re | quirements | 5 | | | |
| | 1. ENERGY STAR for Homes Baseline | Certified under E | Certified under ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 ⁵ | | | | |
| | 2. Envelope ⁶ | Fenestration sha Celling, wall, floo | all meet or ex or, and slab li | ceed latest ENB | RGY STAR re- | quirements ^{7, 6} 2012 IECC levels ⁹ | |
| Mandatory | 3. Duct System | Ducts located with | thin the hom | e's thermal and | air barrier bour | ndarv ¹⁰ | |
| mandatory | Water Efficiency | Hot water delive | rv systems s | hall meet efficie | nt design requir | rements ¹¹ | Must |
| Reats. | (| All Installed reft(| perators dist | hwashers, and o | iothes washers | are ENERGY STAR qualifi | et. O a ser la s |
| , roquor | 5. Lighting & Appliances ¹² | 80% of lighting f minimum 80% of | ixtures are E of sockets | NERGY STAR | ualified or EN | ERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) | Comply |
| | | All Installed bath | room ventila | tion and celling | ans are ENER | GY STAR qualified | <u> </u> |
| | 6. Indoor Air Quality | EPA Indoor airP | LUS Verifica | tion Checklist a | d Construction | Specifications ¹³ | |
| | 7. Renewable Ready ¹⁴ | EPA Renewable EPA Renewable | Energy Rea Energy Rea | idy Home Solar idy Home Solar | Electric Checkii Thermal Check | ist and Specifications ¹⁵ ilst and Specifications ¹⁶ | |
| | | Exhibit 2: DOE | E Challeng | ge Home Tar | get Home ^{a,} | 17 | |
| | HVAC Equipment ¹⁰ | | | | | | |
| | | Hot Clima (2012 IECC Zon | tes es 1,2) ¹⁹ | Mixed (2012 IE | Climates CC Zones 3, | Cold Climate (2012 IECC Zon | 8 195 19 |
| | A 51 12 | | | 4 exce | pt Marine) | 4 Marine 5,6,7, | •) |
| | SEE | 18 | | | 15 | 13 | |
| Target | HSP | 8.2 | | | 9 | 1020 | |
| Taryer | Geothermal Heat Pum | P ENERGY STAR EER and COP Criteria | | | Trade Off | | |
| Home' | ASHRAE 62.2 Whole-House Mechanical Ventilation System | e 1.4 cfm/V no heat exch | N; Tange | 1.4 no hea | cfm/W; t exchange | 1.2 cfm/W; heat exchange with 6 | |
| 0 | Insulation and Inflitration | | | | | | Flexibility |
| Specs | Insulation levels shall meet Infiltration²¹ (ACH50): | the 2012 IECC and ac 3 In CZ's 1-2 | hieve Grade 2.5 in CZ's | 1 Installation, p 3-4 2 in CZ | ar RESNET sta is 5-7 1.5 ⊫ | ndards. n CZ 8 | Tioxionity |
| | Windows ^{22, ,23, 24} | | | - | | | |
| | | Hot Clima (2012 JECC Zor | tes nes 1 2) | Mixed (2012 JE | Climates CC Zones 3 | Cold Climates (2012 JECC Zon | 8 |
| | | (2012 1200 20 | 100 1,2,7 | 4 exce | pt Marine) | 4 Marine 5,6,7, | B) |
| | SHG | 0.25 | | | 0.27 | any | |
| | U-Valu | e 0.4 | | | 0.3 | 0.27 | |
| | Homes qualifying through the U-values or SHGCs. ²⁸ | he Prescriptive Path | with a total | window-to-floo | r area greate | r than 15% shall have ad | justed |
| | Water Heater | | | | | | |
| | ENERGY STAR minimum; for | heating oil water heate | rs use EF = | 0.60 | | | |
| | Effective for Homes Permitted Starting 4/1/2012 | | Revised 07/0 | 01/2012 | | Page 2 | of 8 |
| Size Adjust | | Exhibit | 3: Benchr | mark Home | Size ²⁸ | | |
| Size Aujust. | Redrooms in Home to be l | Built | 1 | 2 3 | 4 | 5 6 7 | 8 Identical to |
| Factor | Conditioned Floor Area Be | schmark Home | 1,000 | 1,600 2,200 | 2,800 3 | 3,400 4,000 4,600 | Energy Star |
| | | | | | | | L |





Zero Energy Ready Home Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements:



Exhibit 1: DOE Challenge Home Mandatory Requirements for All Labeled Homes

| Are | ea of Improvement | Mandatory Requirements |
|------------|--|--|
| 1. | ENERGY STAR for Homes Baseline | Certified under ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 ⁵ |
| 2 | Envelope ⁶ | Fenestration shall meet or exceed latest ENERGY STAR requirements 7 8 |
| 2. | Envelope | Ceiling, wall, floor, and slab insulation shall meet or exceed 2012 IECC levels ⁹ |
| 3. | Duct System | Ducts located within the home's thermal and air barrier boundary ¹⁰ |
| 4. | Water Efficiency | Hot water delivery systems shall meet efficient design requirements ¹¹ |
| | | All installed refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers are ENERGY STAR qualified. |
| 5. | Lighting & Appliances ¹² | 80% of lighting fixtures are ENERGY STAR qualified or ENERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) in minimum 80% of sockets |
| | | All installed bathroom ventilation and ceiling fans are ENERGY STAR qualified |
| 6. | Indoor Air Quality | EPA Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist and Construction Specifications ¹³ |
| 7 | Renewable Readult | EPA Renewable Energy Ready Home Solar Electric Checklist and Specifications ¹⁵ |
| <i>'</i> . | Kenewable Keady. | EPA Renewable Energy Ready Home Solar Thermal Checklist and Specifications ¹⁶ |

Encouraged:

- WaterSense Label (indoor and outdoor)
- Disaster Resistance (IBHS Fortified Home)
- Quality Management







Zero Energy Ready Home Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: ENERGY STAR for Homes Version 3 Baseline





Align with ENERGY STAR for Homes v3:

- Comprehensive Building-Science System
- Variable vs. Fixed HERS Index Score
- House Size Adjustment to HERS Score



What is Building Science



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| Ensuring Comple | ete Bldg. Science | ENERGY Renewable Energy |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Thermal | Heating, Cooling | Water |
| Enclosure | & Ventilation | Management |

ENERGY STAR for Homes v3:

- Thermal Enclosure Checklist
- ✓ HVAC QI Checklist Contractor
- ✓ HVAC QI Checklist Rater
- ✓ Water Management Checklist

Note: Keep an eye on REV08 changes...





Zero Energy Ready Home **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements Envelope: Advanced Windows**

ENERGY STAR Windows

- Assures beyond-code
 window performance
- Fenestration used for passive solar design are exempt from the U-factor and SHGC requirements
- Area-weighted averages for U-factor, SHGC permitted





- 8-Month Phase-In for Updated Specs



| Window Specs to Apply to DOE Zero Energy Ready | Hot Climates IECC CZ 1-2 | | Mixed Climates IECC CZ 3-4 except Marine | | Cold Climates IECC CZ 5-8 and 4 Marine* | |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Home Projects | U-Value | SHGC | U-value | SHGC | U-Value | SHGC |
| ENERGY STAR Window Specs v5.0 - for projects permitted up to 8/31/2015** | 0.60 | 0.27 | [3] 0 35 [4] 0.32 | [3] 0 30 [4] 0.40 | 0.30 0.31 0.32 | Any ≥0.35 ≥0.40 |
| ENERGY STAR Window Specs V6.0 - for projects permitted after 8/31/2015** | 0.40 | 0.25 | [<u>3] 0.30</u> [4] 0.30 | [<u>3] 0.25</u> [4] 0.40 | 0.27* 0.28* 0.29* | Any* ≥0.32* ≥0.37* |

*For Cold Climate Zones, the revised specs are applicable to DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes permitted after 8/31/2016

** Note that DOE Zero Energy Ready Home offers multiple compliance paths. See the National Program Requirements, Exhibit 1 with footnotes, for details.





Zero Energy Ready Home **Technical Specifications: Best Practices Air-Tight Construction**



- 16 to 50% of HVAC Loads
- Moisture Problems
- Comfort Problems
- Indoor Air Quality



| | ACH50 Requirements/Targets | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Climate Zones | Zero Energy Ready Home | ENERGY STAR V3 | 2012 IECC | Passive House | | | |
| 1-2 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 0.6 | | | |
| 3-4 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 | | | |
| 5-7 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 | | | |
| 8 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 | | | |

Seal Usual Suspects



Penetrations:

- Plumbing
- Wiring
- Recessed Lights
- Vents
- HVAC Duct Boots

Shafts:

- Flues
- Ducts
 - Plumbing

Cracks:

- Sill Plates
- Windows & Doors
- Drywall at Top Plate
- Access Panels
- Sheathing Joints
 - Foundation/Framing

Odd Geometry:

- Cantilevers
- Knee-walls

Air Leakage Distribution

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| | | | 2-Story Sheathing / | house (Floor a roof joint unse | rea = 2,000 ft ²) aled $\cong 0.5 \text{ ACH}_{50}$ | H ₅₀ |
|--|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| | | | DOE Zero Energy Ready Home | | IECC 2012 | |
| | Zones 1-2 3-4 5-7 | Zones | Requirement | Contribution to requirement (%) | Requirement | Contribution to requirement (%) |
| | | 1 – 2 | 3 | 17 | 5 | 10 |
| | | 3 – 4 | 2.5 | 20 | 3 | 17 |
| | | 5 – 7 | 2 | 25 | 3 | 17 |
| | | 8 | 1.5 | 33 | 3 | 17 |

Examples



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Examples



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Source: Building America Solution Center; <u>www.basc.pnnl.gov</u>





Zero Energy Ready Home **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: Envelope:** 2012 IECC Insulation

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- Compliance with next generation code
- Three Options:
 - ✓ Prescriptive
 - ✓ Alternative equivalent U-factor
 - Total UA calculation
 [allows window to be included]
- REM/Rate / EnergyGauge both calculate this

Prescriptive Requirements



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| Climate Zone | Fenestration | Skylight U-Factor | Glazed Fenestration SHGC | Ceiling R-Value | Wood Frame Wall R-Value |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | NR | 0.75 | 0.25 | 30 | 13 |
| 2 | 0.40 | 0.65 | 0.25 | 38 | 13 |
| 3 | 0.35 | 0.55 | 0.25 | 38 | 20 or 13+5 ^h |
| 4 except Marine | 0.35 | 0.55 | 0.40 | 49 | 20 or 13+5 ^h |
| 5 & Marine 4 | 0.32 | 0.55 | NR | 49 | 20 or 13+5 ^h |
| 6 | 0.32 | 0.55 | NR | 49 | 20+5 or 13+10 ^h |
| 7 & 8 | 0.32 | 0.55 | NR | 49 | 20+5 or 13+10 ^h |

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| Climate Zone | Mass Wall R-Value ⁱ | Floor R- Value | Basement ^c Wall R-Value | Slab ^d R- Value, Depth | Crawl Space ^c Wall R- Value |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 3/4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 4/6 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 8/13 | 19 | 5/13 ^f | 0 | 5/13 |
| 4 except Marine | 8/13 | 19 | 10 /13 | 10, 2 ft | 10/13 |
| 5 & Marine 4 | 13/17 | 30 ^g | 15/19 | 10, 2 ft | 15/19 |
| 6 | 15/20 | 30 ^g | 15/19 | 10, 4 ft | 15/19 |
| 7 & 8 | 19/21 | 38 ^g | 15/19 | 10, 4 ft | 15/19 |



- Advanced Framing with Thicker Wall
- Rigid Insulation Exterior Sheathing
- Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs)
- Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs)
- Double Wall





Zero Energy Ready Home **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: Ducts in Conditioned Spaces**
- Significant Thermal Losses:
 - Thermal losses triple for ducts in unconditioned vs. conditioned space

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- Total thermal losses can range from 10-45%
- Extensive unconditioned space penetrations
- Significant Performance Impacts:
 - IAQ
 - Comfort
 - Durability

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Short Duct Run

up to 10' of total length is permitted to be outside of the home's thermal and air barrier boundary.

Jump Ducts

may be located in attics if all joints, including boot-todrywall, are fully air sealed with mastic

Ductless HVAC system

e.g. mini-splits can offer a non-ducted alternative

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Ducts in Condit. Space Options



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Conditioned Floor Space

- Dropped ceiling
- Modified Attic Truss
- Between floors
- Unvented Crawl Space/Conditioned Basement
 which is within the home's thermal boundary

Unvented Attic

regardless of whether conditioned with a supply register

Vented Attic

equivalent option where other locations in conditioned space are impractical, expensive, don't work well in specific climates, or increase envelope loads





Zero Energy Ready Home **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: Efficient Hot Water Distribution**

Water Efficiency as a System



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Indoor Fixtures

- Plumbing Fixtures
- Appliances and Other Equipment

Distribution

- Service Pressure
- Metering (for Multi-Family Homes)
- Leak Prevention
- Hot Water Distribution
- Outdoor
 - Landscape Design
 - Irrigation (if installed)



- "Must Have" for Zero Energy Ready Homes
- Based on EPA WaterSense Specifications:
 - ≤ 0.5 gallons of water between the hot water source and any hot water fixture.
 - ≤ 0.6 gallons of water shall be collected from the hot water fixture before hot water (+ 10 °F) is delivered
 - Timer- and temperature-based recirculating systems shall not be used to meet the criteria.

Hot Water Distribution Options

- Core Plumbing Layout (wet wall)
- Manifold System
- Demand Pumping System
 - Pump Options
 - Integrated within tankless units
 - External pumps
 - Control Options
 - adaptive (smart) scheduling
 - occupant sensors trigger recirc.
 - Manual switches
 - Plumbing Options
 - Dedicated return line
 - Crossover valve







Zero Energy Ready Homes **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements:** Efficient Components: Lighting, Appliances, & Fans



Components and MEL's are increasingly Important in Low-Load Homes (~25 to 40%). Therefore, DOE ZERH requires:

- ENERGY STAR Certified Appliances:* refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers
- ENERGY STAR Certified Fans*: bathroom ventilation, ceiling fans
- ENERGY STAR Certified Lighting: Min. 80% of fixtures or lamps (CFL or LED)

*Only where installed by builder





Zero Energy Ready Home Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: Indoor Air Quality

Increasing Health Concerns



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\$40 Billion

\$20 Billion



Indoor vs. Outdoor Air Pollutants: On average 2-5 times greater Up to 100 times greater While Americans Spend 90% of time indoors

Source: EPA

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"If your child doesn't use an inhaler, consider yourself a lucky parent because,

1 in 10 children in the U.S. suffers from asthma."

Source: Remarks for Administrator McCarthy, Announcement of Clean Power Plan, Washington, DC, June 2, 2014

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ENERGY STAR + Indoor airPLUS



Source Control: Combustion By-Products Attached Garage Isolation



In homes with exhaust-only whole-house ventilation:

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Garage exhaust fan, OR Pressure test When house is +50 Pa wrt outdoors House is \geq +45 Pa wrt garage Automatic door closer on connecting door Air Sealing & Gasketed Door



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Zero Energy Ready Home **Technical Specifications Mandatory Requirements: Renewable Ready** [Where Applicable]



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More than half of all U.S. homebuilders

are expected to offer solar PV energy systems as an option in new single-family homes by 2016, up from just 12 percent in 2013.

Source:

Green Multifamily and Singe Family Homes: Growth in a Recovering Market, McGraw Hill, NAHB, 2014

RERH Applicability



Average Daily Solar Radiation Per Month



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Documentation of the maximum allowable dead load and live load ratings of the existing roof (Rec DL.: 6 lbs./sq. ft.)



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Zero Energy Ready Home **Performance Threshold**

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Based on 1800, 2400, and 3600 ft² prototypes on climate-appropriate foundations.



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California Compliance Options

California Compliance Options



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÷ Area of Improvement Mandatory Requirements 1. ENERGY STAR for Certified under ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 program requirements for the Homes Baseline State of California^{10,} Fenestration shall meet or exceed latest ENERGY STAR requirements or California 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards window requirements in table 150.1-A, whichever is more stringent 12, 13 Envelope¹¹ 2. Ceiling, wall, floor, and slab insulation shall meet or exceed 2012 IECC levels or California 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards insulation requirements in table 150.1-A. whichever is more stringent.14 3. Duct System Ducts located within the home's thermal and air barrier boundary¹⁵ Water Efficiency 4. Hot water delivery systems shall meet efficient design requirements¹⁶ All installed refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers are ENERGY STAR qualified. 5. Lighting & 90% of lighting fixtures are ENERGY STAR qualified or ENERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) in Appliances¹⁷ minimum 90% of sockets All installed bathroom ventilation and ceiling fans are ENERGY STAR gualified Indoor Air Quality Certified under EPA Indoor airPLUS 18 6. Renewable Ready¹⁹ 7. Consolidated Renewable Energy Ready Home (RERH) Checklist For all CA Climate Zones 1-16, must be tested to achieve air infiltration levels at or below: 3 8. Air Infiltration ACH50 for single family detached dwellings, or 4 ACH50 for attached single-family dwellings and dwellings in multifamily buildings²⁰

Exhibit 1: DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Mandatory Requirements for All Labeled Homes

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EnergyLogic Presents

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Engaging Builders

- A Builder wants it
- Quest for differentiation
- Marketing



- HERS Index, Code, Energy Star, IAP, WaterSense(?), DOE ZERH
- Better Performance
- Builder Risk Management
- The next step is small



Boil it Down

Exhibit 1: DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Mandatory Requirements for All Labeled Homes

| Area of Improvement | | Mandatory Requirements | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|---|--|
| 1. | ENERGY STAR for Homes Baseline | | Certified under ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 ^{9, 10} | |
| 2. | Envelope ¹¹ | | Fenestration shall meet or exceed latest ENERGY STAR requirements ^{12, 13} Ceiling, wall, floor, and slab insulation shall meet or exceed 2012 IECC levels ^{14, 15} | |
| 3. | Duct System | | Ducts located within the home's thermal and air barrier boundary ¹⁶ | |
| 4. | Water Efficiency | | Hot water delivery systems shall meet efficient design requirements ¹⁷ | |
| 5. | Lighting & Appliances ¹⁸ | | All installed refrigerators, dishwashers, and clothes washers are ENERGY STAR qualified. 80% of lighting fixtures are ENERGY STAR qualified or ENERGY STAR lamps (bulbs) in minimum 80% of sockets All installed bathroom ventilation and ceiling fans are ENERGY STAR qualified | |
| 6. | Indoor Air Quality | | Certified under EPA Indoor airPLUS ¹⁰ | |
| 7. | Renewable Ready ¹⁹ | | Consolidated Renewable Energy Ready Home (RERH) Checklist | |



In This Case

- Foundation R-11
- Slab R-0
- Floor Blown R-50
- Rim R-19
- Walls blown R-23
- Windows U-30/SHGC.30
- Doors R-5/ R-2.2
- Attic R-38
- Furnace 93.5 AFUE
- 100% Duct inside
- Water Heater 62 EF
- AC 13 Seer
- 3.5 ACH50
- Ventilation ASHRAE 62.2
- Energy Star Appliance 80% CFL
- HERS 59





Interesting Findings

- REM Modeling
 - Mandatory 2012 IECC insulation levels
 - you can pass DOE ZERH but not 2012 IECC
 - Air leakage rate Duct leakage Rate
- Mandatory
 - Windows
 - UA Trade offs allowed in REM but Window U-value is Mandatory
 - Rem models the UA trade off and .34 windows passed in the REM model
 - 100% Duct inside envelope
 - $\circ\,$ REM will demonstrate compliance with duct located outside
- You need to know this or you will be out of compliance









✓ Indoor airPLUS - can no longer substitute for Water Management Checklist







REM

Marking any given checkbox certifies that the home complies with all mandatory requirements referenced by that checkbox, per the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home National Program Requirements.



| Home Builder ID#: | 210 nents | Appliance | FPA Indoor airPLUS | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Mandatory Requiren | nents | Appliance | EPA Indoor airPLUS | | | |
| Fenestration Insulation | | 🔽 Appliance | 🔽 EPA Indoor airPLUS | | | |
| Insulation | | | | | | |
| | | Lighting | 🔽 Fan Efficiency | | | |
| 🛛 🗹 Renewable Ener | rgy Ready So | lar Electric | Duct Location | | | |
| Renewable Energy Ready Solar Hot Water | | | | | | |
| Optional Home Builder Commitments for Recognition No Certified under the EPA WaterSense for New Homes Program No Certified under the IBHS fortified for Safer Living Program No Followed the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Quality Management Guidelines No The buyer of this home signed a waiver giving DOE Zero Energy Ready Home access to utility bill data for one year. | | | | | | |



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Interesting Findings



- Mandatory items
 - Raised Heel Truss



- > DOE ZERH requires \geq R-30 over the top plate
- \circ 100% ducts inside the envelope

Inside, outside, or within?

- All four Energy Star Checklists
- \circ IAP qualified
 - > MERV 8
- Renewable ready





ZERH Builder Sticking Points

IAP (Rev2)

- Moisture control Aggregate under slabs
- Radon Systems
- Duct system
 - $_{\odot}$ Protection / Cleaning
 - No HVAC Building cavities used per IAP
 - 100% in conditioned space
- Attached garages
- Materials

 $_{\odot}$ Dimensional woods, Particle boards, paints, carpets



Indoor Air Plus



- Moisture control
 - Water Managed site & foundation
 - Drainage, Capillary break, damp proofed, Etc.
 - Water managed Wall assemblies
 - Drainage plane, flashing details
 - Water managed Roof assemblies
 - o Gutters and flashing
 - Interior water management
 - Moisture resistant materials
- Radon control
 - Radon resistant features including at least a passive radon system
- Pest Barriers
 - Minimize pathway for pests

- HVAC Systems
 - Heating & Cooling equipment
 - Sizing and design
 - Ventilation
 - o ASHREA 62.2
 - Air cleaning and filtration
 - Dehumidification
- Combustion pollutant control
 - Combustion source Controls
 - Sealed or power vented equipment
 - Attached garages

 Insolated
- Low emission materials
 - Engineered woods, Paints, Carpets
- Home commissioning
 - Duct testing, Pressure balancing, Flows, Etc.

ZERH Builder Sticking Points



Hot water circulation systems

- No more than 0.5 gallons of water can be stored within the pipe between the heater and any fixture
- No more than 0.6 gallons of water can go down the drain before hot water is delivered.
- The water temperature must be 10° or more higher than when the water first came out of the faucet
- Recirculation systems must have occupant control switch or adaptive learning technology


ZERH Builder Sticking Points

Solar Electric Ready Checklist

- Install a 1" conduit
- Designate *proposed* array location and square footage
- Identify orientation (azimuth) of proposed location
- Blocking is permitted to be used as an alternative to the 4' x 4' or 3'x2' wood panel
- 70 Amp double-pole breaker in electrical service panel or a labeled slot Solar Thermal Checklist





DOE Zero Energy Ready Home

Projected Rating: Based on Plans - Field Confirmation Required.

| Energy Performance | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| House Type | DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Builder Partner ID# | | |
| Single-family detached | 210 | | |
| Year built | Square footage of Conditioned Space including Basement | | |
| 2015 | 2800.0 | | |
| Number of Bedrooms | Square footage of Conditioned Space without Basement | | |
| 3 | 1953.0 | | |
| Site address (if not available, list the site Lot #) | Registered Builder | | |
| 1887 Place to live | | | |
| Denver | Certified Rater | | |
| CO, 80221 | Robby Schwarz | | |
| HERS Index without On-site Generation | Date of Rating | | |
| 58 | 2/10/2015 | | |
| HERS Index with On-site Generation | Rating Software | | |
| 58 | REM/Rate - v14.6 | | |
| HERS Index of the Target Home using size adjustment factor | Estimated annual energy costs(\$) | | |
| 59 | 1487 | | |
| Estimated annual energy use | Estimated annual energy savings | | |
| Electric: 6858 kWh \ Natural Gas: 723 Therms | Electric: 4101 kWh \ Natural gas: 417 Therms | | |
| Energy cost rates | Estimated annual emissions reductions | | |
| Electric: 0.11 \$/kWh \ Natural Gas: 0.98 \$/Therms | CO2: 6.1 tons / SO2: 7.8 lbs / NOx: 16.6 lbs | | |



DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Certification

As the certified Rater for this house, I certify this house meets/complies with all mandatory requirments of the DOE Zero Energy Ready home guidelines, including the following:

| х | Compliance with all ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes Version 3 requirements and checklists |
|---|--|
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Fenestration Requirements |
| х | Compliance with Mandatory Insulation Requirements |
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Duct Location Requirements |
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Appliance Requirements |
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Lighting Requirements |
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Fan Efficiency Requirements |
| х | Compliance with Mandatory EPA Indoor airPLUS |
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Renewable Energy Ready Solar Electric Requirements |
| Х | Compliance with Mandatory Renewable Energy Ready Solar Hot Water Requirements |
| | This home was qualified via sampling in lieu of testing, in accordance with allowable sampling provisions as stated in the |
| | DOE Zero Energy Ready Home National Program Requirements |
| | |

Optional Compliance for Builder Recognition

I further certify that the following also apply to this house:

| YES | NO | DON'T | Optional Home | Builder | Commitments f | or Recognition |
|-----|----|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
| | | KNOW | | | | |

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REM/Rate - Residential Energy Analysis and Rating Software v14.6

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Projected Rating: Based on Plans - Field Confirmation Required.

Optional Compliance for Builder Recognition

I further certify that the following also apply to this house:

| YES | NO | DON'T | Optional Home Builder Commitments for Recognition | |
|-----|----|-------|--|--|
| | | KNOW | | |
| | Х | | Certified under the EPA WaterSense for New Homes Program | |
| | Х | | Certified under the IBHS Fortified for Safer Living Program | |
| | Х | | Followed the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Quality Management Guidelines | |
| | Х | | The buyer of this home signed a waiver giving DOE Zero Energy Ready Home access to utility bill data for one | |
| | | | year | |

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This home built at 1887 Place to live Denver, CO 80221 was verified by Robby Schwarz

to meet Indoor airPLUS construction specifications as established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Indoor airPLUS qualified homes are designed to contribute to improved indoor air quality.

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Indoor airPLUS Features

- Moisture and Mold Control
- Radon Resistant Construction
- Pest Barriers
- Effective Heating, Ventilating, and Air-Conditioning Systems
- Safe Combustion
- Healthier Building Materials

Not all features are required in all cases. To learn more about indoor air quality features in your home, ask your builder to review the Indoor airPLUS verification checklist with you, or visit www.epa.gov/indoorairplus.





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ENERGY Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

- Same: ENERGY STAR Homes framework
- New:
 - 1. Indoor airPLUS Checklist;
 - 2. Renewable Energy Ready Home Checklist (where applicable)
 - 3. Hot Water Distribution test

• Submissions:

- Send "DOE Zero Energy Ready Verification Summary" electronically to <u>zero@newportpartnersllc.com</u>
- Otherwise builders will not receive "credit" on DCH website
- Considering RESNET National Homes Registry for future

Labeling & Certification



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

- Provide softwaregenerated DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Certificate to builder/home buyer
- Submit softwaregenerated DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Compliance Report to zero@newportpartnersllc.com



Becoming a Partner

- Partnership Categories
 - Builder
 - Verifier
 - Training Partner
 - Designer/Architect
 - Lender
- Review & Sign Online Agreement
- Be listed...be active!







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Ventilation – 2/17 @ 1:30 pm

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High R Assemblies – 2/18 @ 8:30 am

Thank You

Questions?

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