



Rater UPDATE

Energy Rated Homes of Louisiana

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To: **All Louisiana Energy Raters**

From: **Buddy Justice**

Re: **Upcoming Meeting Announcement
Energy Star Builders**

HURRICANE KATRINA/RITA REBUILD ENERGY EFFICIENTLY

The Environmental Protection Agency and Energy Star are currently planning a Hurricane Katrina/Rita driven conference to be held in Lafayette at ULL. Tentatively scheduled for November 16th, the conference will be free of charge and will focus on efforts to rebuild the devastated areas of the state to higher levels of both energy efficiency, and sustainability. The conference will provide valuable information pertaining to newly mandated building and energy code guidelines, Energy Star appliance incentives, 2005 Energy Policy Act incentives, and tax credit guidelines and requirements. It will be very important to know all of this information as the rebuilding of Louisiana gets underway and continues over the next several years. This is an opportunity for the Louisiana Home Energy Raters to become an important component in the rebuild effort for Louisiana. Experts in energy efficiency design, sustainable design, and energy codes from all over the country will be speaking on topics pertinent to the rebuilding efforts starting in Louisiana. Many Energy Star product manufacturers are expected to display their products for application in the affected areas. DNR will provide more information on the conference in future Rater Updates as well as on our web site as it becomes available.

This Update is to inform you about the upcoming conference, to let you know that it will be a valuable asset for Louisiana, and that it should be attended by all Louisiana Home Energy Raters. Please plan to be there.

LABELING ENERGY STAR BUILDERS ON ALL NEW HOME FINALS

DNR posts all new homes going through the HERO program to the Energy Star web site. Over the past few months the posting method has changed. The information that was posted in the past allowed us to post both the rater's name as well as the home builder's name. The current method allows either one or the other, so we have been making all of the postings under the rater's name. DNR has been contacted by a few Energy Star Builder Partners that have stated that their Energy Star Homes are not being posted to Energy Star's web site. We have also had several problems with rater's postings as well, due to the fact that we submit all homes to Energy Star under the rater's name, and many of you are listed as partners under Energy Star by company name. To correct these problems please:

Energy Star Rater Partners

If you are listed as an Energy Star Partner on EPA's web site please immediately contact Jim Davidson at (225) 342-3825 or jamesd@dnr.state.la.us to let him know the way in which you are listed on their site so that we can insure that you are getting credit for all of your homes.

Energy Star Builder Partners

Even though builders can not currently participate in the HERO Program - on all new custom home submittals, ***if the builder is an Energy Star Builder Partner***, please either hand write or type the builder's name, as it is listed on Energy Star's web site, ***in the space above the homeowners name*** on the HERO Cover sheet. Please continue to place the homeowners name in the ***Homeowner's or Builder Name*** slot as per usual.