

Rater UPDATE

DNR Rated Homes of Louisiana

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To: ALL LOUISIANA HERO ENERGY RATERS

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Notice Regarding Changes in Home Energy Raters Certification

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is making some changes to the process for State DNR certification of Home Energy Raters in Louisiana.

Effective immediately, DNR will no longer provide testing and monitoring of the RESNET National Rater Test through DNR. Passage of the RESNET National Rater Test will be required in order to be State certified by DNR to perform any home energy ratings in Louisiana.

Candidates applying to become a Louisiana Energy Rater, and existing Raters renewing their RESNET and DNR credentials, must make all RESNET testing arrangements directly with RESNET or a RESNET authorized energy rater training provider. RESNET maintains a listing of energy rater training providers that have been accredited.

<http://resnet.us/programs/training/directory.aspx>

Effective January 1, 2009:

1. Anyone who has not:
 - passed the RESNET National Rater Test,
 - submitted their RESNET credentials to DNR, and
 - completed all other Rater certification requirements required by DNR by December 31, 2008,

will no longer legally be certified to do ratings in Louisiana and will be removed from our official Rater lists.

2. New rater candidates, which includes raters removed from our lists, should contact any RESNET Certified Trainer-Provider to arrange testing for the RESNET National Rater Test. (please see the link above)
3. To perform any home energy ratings in the State of Louisiana, a Rater must be State certified by DNR by:
 - a. Passing the RESNET National Rater Test
 - b. Completing the specified DNR application requirements and application, and submitting them with verification of RESNET certification.
 - c. Maintaining active and valid RESNET certification to maintain DNR certification.
 - d. If participating in the HERO program, complying with additional DNR specified Louisiana and HERO knowledge requirements. (Current Louisiana Raters certified with the HERO program may continue to perform HERO ratings with no changes until December 31, 2008.)

For questions or additional information, Please contact H. Hershberg at (225) 342-7982; Jerry Heinberg at (225) 342-3476 or James Davidson at (225) 342-3825.

Important Note: Existing Louisiana HERO program badges will cease to be valid as of January 1, 2009. New DNR Identification Badges (I.D. Badges) are being issued to all HERO raters that have passed the RESNET National Rater Test.