

Energy Efficient Housing Guidelines delayed until January 1, 2013

Dear HERS Raters,

The Nebraska Energy Office will be delaying the release of the latest revisions to the standards and HERS scores for the Nebraska Energy Efficient Housing Loans until January 1, 2013. Between now and January 1, the Energy Office will accept plans that result in a HERS score of 50 or less, and comply with the previous guidelines.

Note that Energy Star is a national program, and Energy Star Version 3 has been, and is still, in effect as a requirement for this program.

You should also note that the interest rate on the construction loans, which was changed to 3.5% is NOT reverting back to 2.5%. Applicants will use the revised application form, which can be found online, with the exception that the definition of the start of construction and the guidelines which will be used until December 31st are the old ones.

Please be reminded that whenever the information needed to complete your HERS rating cannot be found on the drawings, you need to require the drafts person to revise the drawings and include that information. This is very important with regard to the Energy Office's ability to provide a timely review and approval of the drawings. The review process goes much quicker when all of the information you place into your HERS rating is easily located on the drawings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write or call our office.

Sincerely,

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