

This Leaky House

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**RE: Docket No. M-2010-2152691
Training Certifications for Weatherization Installations and Audits**

This Leaky House would like to thank the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the opportunity to submit comments on Training Certifications for Weatherization Installations and Audits. This Leaky House is a residential and multi-family energy auditor working primarily in the southeast Pennsylvania region.

We have invested time and dollars in training to national standards for certification, namely, Building Performance Institute (BPI) and Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET). Conducting energy audits to BPI safety and health standards is a valuable service that most customers don't realize they are purchasing, but are critical to the process of saving energy. Computer modeling to RESNET standards (with REM/Rate software) is similarly valuable to a customer who asks the pertinent question "How much will I save if I ... "

Together, both processes can provide a synergy that each service alone can't deliver: an unbiased assessment of a residence that will give a homeowner or occupant an assurance that suggested improvements won't harm (the occupants or the building), and will be cost effective.

We view training that falls short of these two national training standards to be "penny wise and pound foolish." Similarly, any additional training that requires more time and dollars to these two established standards we consider to be not only unnecessary but also limiting the goals of recent federal funding programs. With national standards in effect, Pennsylvania contractors would be isolated from work in other states and not in line with national programs.

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This Leaky House urges the PUC to adopt BPI and RESNET standards, and views state run programs that require further certification to be unnecessarily burdensome.

This Leaky House would like to thank the PUC for this opportunity to submit our comments on weatherization training requirements.

Sincerely,

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