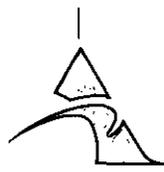


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Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta
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RE: Docket Number M-2010-2152691

Dear Ms. Chiavetta

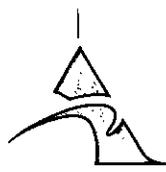
In doing research today on the Home Star Program, I came across a reference to the PUC's "Training Certifications for Weatherization Installations and Audits". Although the deadline for comment was in April, I would appreciate it if you would consider our comments on the subject.

We, at Architectural Testing, support this program. However, we would like to see more specific training and certification requirements for the contractors who perform the home improvements. Although the Building Performance Institute (BPI) has a great program for the personnel performing energy efficiency audits, they do not have specific requirements for many of the product specific installations. For instance, their requirement for window installation is that the window must be "straight" and not allow water leakage.

The simple fact is that windows and doors that are installed without proper insulation around the perimeter, and are not installed square, plumb, and true will not provide the energy efficiency that they were designed to provide. Windows and Doors that are installed out of level or without the use of flashing, capping, or panning could leak water into the building structure. In the extreme cases of water leakage, the structure of the building would be damaged. Even small amounts of water leakage can cause the growth of mold, which drastically affects indoor air quality.

Architectural Testing is the Administrator of the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) InstallationMasters™ Residential Training and Certification Program for installers of doors and windows. The training is based on a 396 page instruction manual that is based upon ASTM E2112, "Standard Practice for Installation of Exterior Windows, Doors, and Skylights". Installers who are certified in this program are required to have a certain amount of installation experience prior to attending a class or participating in a self-study program. Once completing the class or self-study program, the installers are required to take a 70 question written examination, and score at least 70%. The program, which was started in 2000, currently has over 6,000 certified installers across North America. In Pennsylvania, we have around 300 certified installers and 15 accredited trainers. For more information please go to www.installationmastersusa.com.

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We recommend that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's program requires windows and doors to be installed by contractors who have been trained and certified to install the products in accordance with ASTM E2112, or specifically, by InstallationMasters™ Certified Installers.

If you have any questions, or I can be of further assistance, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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