



Change Request Ruling

Change Request: Alternative Compliance.

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Ruling: **Change Request Declined.** All projects must comply with Standards as specified and used in HOT2000 and other NRCan National Standards such as Energy Star and R-2000.

Reason for Change Request and Recommended Alternative: 1. Where a NZ EA has deemed a Project non-compliant on minor technical issues, the NZ EA shall submit the Project to the CHBA Technical Committee for a project by project review for acceptable alternative compliance. If deemed acceptable, the project shall proceed to labelling as per the Program procedures. If deemed unacceptable the CHBA NZE Technical Committee, a letter will be issued formally denying qualification.

2. Application must be provided prior to labeling. (Like LEED, there must be a support system in place for projects that are very near the NZE standards but do not meet the "black and white" of the technical requirements but the project meets the intent behind the requirements. This system allows the NZ EA to not have to make the final decision of Project compliance, and if in a grey area, allow the CHBA TC to rule directly. The NZ EA is in a conflicted position as they are paid by the builder, without this system the NZ EA is put in a compromised position when projects fail to exactly meet the technical requirements.)

Additional Comments / Actions: *To reduce the instances of non-compliance, the TC will review v1 of the Technical Requirements in order to see what items could be removed - especially those where it's already covered by code or are redundant. The result will be v2 of the Program. In the meantime all requests for clarification of program compliance should come through the TC per the current process.*