DOE Memo on Updated RESNET Software Validation Procedures
7/24/2020

DOE has amended its Submission Instructions for software to be considered for the DOE Approved Software List for the 45L tax credit. This memo supersedes DOE's prior memo of 2/24/2020.

In order to be considered for a new listing on the DOE Approved Software List, software must be validated against either the 2016 or 2020 versions of RESNET's "Procedures for Certifying Residential Energy Efficiency Tax Credits," subject to the transition policy described below.

Through 11/1/2020, DOE will continue to accept and review software submissions that have been validated against RESNET Publication No.001-16, "Procedures for Certifying Residential Energy Efficiency Tax Credits." After 11/1/2020, DOE will no longer accept for review software validated against RESNET Publication No. 001-16.

DOE will accept and review software submissions that have been validated against RESNET Publication No. 001-20 until further notice.

DOE approved software validated against RESNET Publication No. 001-16 may be used to certify homes with building permits dated on/before 12/31/2020. DOE listed software that was validated against RESNET Publication No. 001-13 may not be used for 45L certifications of homes with building permits dated on/after 8/1/2020. This phase-out policy is reflected in the updated DOE List of Approved Software.

DOE may update these software requirements in the future to accommodate future revisions to the RESNET publication or changes to the 45L requirements.

Additional details may be found at https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/list-approvedsoftware-calculating-energy-efficient-home-credit