

**Extension of the Temporary Allowance for Remote Visual Verification
for DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Certifications**

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The DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program understands that our builder and rater partners throughout the U.S. continue to experience significant challenges and uncertainty. To support our partners and the overall growth of the Zero Energy Ready Home market, the ZERH program is aligning with RESNET to further extend the Temporary Allowance for Remote Visual Verifications. The ability to use these remote inspection protocols for the visual verification of DOE ZERH field verification items is being extended beyond the previous expiration of 9/30/2020, to as long as RESNET's policy allowance remains in effect.

Partners are able to check on the status of this Remote Inspection policy on RESNET's web page for COVID-19 Updates here: <https://www.resnet.us/about/us/resnet-covid-19-updates/>

When this policy allowance does expire, DOE ZERH will issue a final policy memo on the DOE ZERH website here: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-home-covid-19-policies-and-temporary-allowances>

RESNET's "[Temporary RESNET Protocols for Remote Field Inspections During the COVID Pandemic](#)" were first posted in early April 2020.

Note that this remote inspection protocol is optional, and needs to be approved by the Rater's Accredited Provider in order to be implemented. Raters that use the remote inspection protocol must collect documentation such as photos in accordance with RESNET's protocol, and shall provide a signed copy of RESNET's Interim Remote Verification Disclosure Form to the builder or developer.