

**Temporary Allowance for Remote Visual Verification for  
DOE Zero Energy Ready Home Certifications Extended to 9/30/2020**

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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 both RESNET and the ENERGY STAR Certified Home program to extend the Temporary Allowance for Remote Visual Verifications to 9/30/2020.

RESNET's "[Temporary RESNET Protocols for Remote Field Inspections During the COVID Pandemic](#)" were first posted in early April 2020. RESNET recently extended the emergency use of remote inspections to 9/30/2020 in this [announcement](#). DOE Zero Energy Ready Home joins RESNET, ENERGY STAR Certified Home, and Indoor airPLUS in extending the potential use of this allowance for DOE ZERH Home to 9/30/2020.

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.

The DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program also reminds partners of the availability of the COVID-19 Hardship Relief Policy for Onsite Diagnostics and Testing. For more information on that policy please visit the [program's hardship policy announcement](#).