

Dear Customer,

This letter contains information on HERS testing in homes that contain asbestos in the HVAC or Duct System, as well as homes where an abatement procedure has been completed.

According to guidelines decided on by the CEC (California Energy Commission), which is the governing body responsible for all Title 24 (HERS Testing) administered in the State of California, homes where any asbestos is part of the duct system are exempt from duct testing. This means that we MUST exempt it on your HERS report form. This is due to liability issues upon which the CEC has made the determination that exemption is preferable. This includes systems where no abatement has been determined necessary or was not part of the scope of work as well as in situations where abatement was performed but encapsulation was part of the abatement process.

See the following explanation:

“Sometimes when an abatement procedure is completed in a home it is preferable, for the occupants safety, to leave parts of the system that contain asbestos (usually cans and boots, but sometimes other areas) intact and encapsulate them instead. This is because removing these sections would actually be more hazardous due to the possibility of the asbestos particles becoming airborne during the extraction process. So even if your home was properly abated our raters are still required to exempt the system from duct testing under these conditions.”

Jonathan Johnson

Senior BPI/HERS Inspector, iPERMIT ERATERS

Below is a quote from CALCERTS which is a HERS Rating Provider for the State of California:

*“If the existing duct system is constructed, insulated or sealed with asbestos, the system is exempt from duct testing, and the exemption **must** be taken on the CF1R-MCH-01. This applies even when abatement has been completed or when the asbestos has been encapsulated.”*

Mark Wiese

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We hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

iPERMIT ERATERS