



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency

MEMORANDUM

TO: RESNET Rating Providers

FROM: RESNET

DATE: November 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Appropriate Use of RESNET Sampling Protocol for Multifamily Dwelling Units

RESNET has heard concerns about the proper implementation of the Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Systems (MINHERS) Standard for sampled ratings, especially as they relate to multifamily projects that are part of a green building program. Specifically, there is concern about the labeling of homes that are part of a sample. The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance on the use of the MINHERS sampling protocols for labeling multifamily units.

RESNET's sampling protocols are covered in Chapter 6 of MINHERS. Additional guidance is included in the August, 2014 publication of the [RESNET Guidelines for Multifamily Energy Ratings](#). MINHERS Section 602.4.2 states:

Every home subjected to this sampling Standard shall be provided with a label in accordance with [Section 303](#) of these standards, which contains the following statement: "This home has been certified using a sampling protocol in accordance with [Chapter 6](#) of the RESNET Standards (see <http://www.resnet.us>). This label shall be located on the electrical panel and the font shall be a minimum of 10 points.

This section requires all units that are part of the sample set in a multifamily building to be labeled. When considering the protocols for inspections and testing for a minimum of one dwelling unit per sample set, this means each of the dwelling units in that sample set must be labeled. The only exception to this is where a dwelling unit meets all the criteria for a Confirmed Rating, that unit may be labeled as a Confirmed Rating.

However, Section 602.4.2 **shall not** be interpreted to mean that only one of the sample set dwelling units in a multifamily building need to be labeled. Furthermore, Section 303.2 of MINHERS states: "All Confirmed and Sampled RESNET Ratings shall be registered with the National RESNET Registry in accordance with Sections [102.1.4.10](#) and [102.1.4.12](#)."

In order to maintain RESNET's strict quality assurance standards for all rated homes, it is critical that the RESNET National Standard for Sampled Ratings be followed. Following the standard means each dwelling unit that is part of a sample set needs to be labeled and uploaded to the RESNET Registry.