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Home Performance Program News April 2012

Congratulations to the SMUD Home Performance Program contractors for a smooth end to a highly successful 18 months! In all, your hard work resulted in **1,098 energy upgrades** and a total of over **\$3.5 million** of SMUD rebates for your customers. You can boast the highest per-household upgrade rate among any home performance program in the state, and we look forward to continuing that success in the new SMUD program.

SMUD Financing ONLY for Approved Whole House Retrofit Projects: Please remember that, to receive financing from SMUD for an HPP retrofit project, that project has to have been submitted to the program.

In addition, no SMUD financing will be available for a project if it does not meet the HPP's minimum threshold energy savings requirement -- that being a minimum of 15% kWh savings, and the equipment must meet SMUD's minimum tiers. Please plan your projects accordingly!

Multiplex Eligibility: Please remember that only all-electric duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes are eligible for the HPP, and that there are additional rules regarding the standards they must meet to qualify for the



Program Ticker

of jobs submitted in the new program as of 4/19: **17**

Contractor Resources

Announcing the **NEW SMUD HPP Website!**
www.cbpc-hpp.org contains information about

program (e.g., single ownership, all units must participate, different assessment rules, etc.).

Please refer to the Contractor Handbook or the March 16 Contractor Meeting slide deck for further information.

Air Sealing before Attic Insulation

REQUIREMENT: [Air Sealing Requirements and Guidelines](#) For any job submitted on or after April 1st, 2012, SMUD will strictly enforce that attics must be air sealed before adding insulation when required, according to the chart located in the Contractor Handbook and in the Requirements and Guidelines document linked above. Any job that requires air sealing must have a test-out infiltration rate of .45 ACHn or less, with an optimal target of .35 ACHn.

Knob and Tube: Please remember that local Sacramento codes do not allow new insulation to be placed on top of knob and tube wiring – check with your customer prior to signing a contract regarding whether he or she wants to replace that old wiring with new wiring!

CAS Testing: It is required that every combustion appliance be tested for combustion safety if it affects the living space. The appliance is considered to affect a living space if it is located in any of the four scenarios:

1. Partially or entirely within the living space (including closets located within the envelope but accessed from outdoors).
2. Attached garage, attic, basement or raised floor crawl space.
3. An outdoor location when any part of an open combustion appliance including its vent system or the vent termination of a sealed combustion appliance is within four (4) feet of an operable door or

rebates, verification & mentoring, jobs processing, EnergyPro and more! The most up-to-date program information will always be posted on this site.

Vision Database New URL:

smudhpp.programprocessing.com

Upcoming Events

Home Performance Contractor Conversations - Webinars

Selling Comfort in the Home

Wednesday, May 16 at 12:00pm Pacific (3:00pm Eastern)

[Register](#)

Skills of Successful Home Performance Sales Teams

Wednesday, July 18 at 12:00pm Pacific (3:00pm Eastern)

[Register](#)

Green California Summit and Exposition

April 26-27, 2012

Sacramento Convention Center

<http://www.green-technology.org/gcsummit/index.html>

ACI California Home Performance Conference 2012

June 5-6 in Sacramento, CA

[Register](#) today!

SMUD Course Offerings

Take advantage of these courses!

<https://usage.smud.org/etcstudent/classlist.aspx>

window leading to the living space.

4. A location where combustion products from the appliance could infiltrate a forced air duct system (e.g., in a garage or room containing supply or return plenum/ductwork).

Note from Jim Mills:

Please remember that if you have not turned in your new Participation Agreement, you are not on the Home Performance list, and not eligible to offer rebates, or financing for these types of projects. You will know you are readmitted by finding your company listed on the SMUD.org Home Performance website (<http://hpp.smud.org/homeowner/select-a-home-performance-contractor>).

Also some of you were asking for program fliers- we have them now – pick up what you need in the SMUD Financing area. Thank you
- Jim

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