



SMUD HPP no longer requires preexisting attic insulation and/or equipment nameplate photos to be submitted.

Because SMUD HPP appreciates your hard work, we are making the job submission process easier for you, by removing the requirement of having to submit pre-existing attic insulation and/or equipment nameplate photos to the Vision system. We trust that you will not reuse contaminated existing attic insulation and provide us with accurate data moving forward. Please understand we still require the Deep Buried Duct protocol be followed in order to achieve the deep buried ducts rebate measure, which includes post installation photos.

Refrigerant Charge Quick Guide

A new quick guide is now available that discusses Refrigerant Charge Verification for Title 24. A copy can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#). Be sure to share it with your installation and sales staff.

OSHA's Confined Spaces ruling

OSHA recently announced that it is [extending its temporary enforcement policy through March 8th, 2016](#) for employers who do work in residential construction.

Late last year, Efficiency First along with other organizations submitted a joint request to OSHA to further extend the temporary enforcement policy past its previous January 8th end date. This extension through March 8th will allow companies more time to plan for full compliance and sort out specifics in the rule related to residential buildings.

The initial partial enforcement delay requirements still apply, which means:

- ***In some cases, and with conditions.*** The delay covers "residential construction;" which OSHA says is intended to mean single-family homes, duplexes and townhouses.
- ***Only for companies that make good faith efforts to comply,*** and properly train their workers to OSHA standards.
- Multifamily buildings and other non-residential buildings aren't covered by the delay.

[Learn more by reading OSHA's announcement](#) of the temporary enforcement policy. OSHA's memo also outlines factors OSHA will use to determine whether a company is making good-faith efforts to comply.

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