



IN THE MATTER OF:) **Docket No.** 13-ATTCP-01
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Acceptance and Training Certification) Mechanical Acceptance Test
) Technician Certification Provider
) RE: Certification Implementation Plan
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NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the certification implementation plan for the mandatory certification requirements for nonresidential mechanical acceptance testing.

August 16, 2019

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Warren-Alquist State Energy
Building 1516 Ninth Street**

**1st Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing
Room Sacramento, California
95814 (Wheelchair Accessible)**

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Agenda

Staff has developed a plan to implement the possible Energy Commission decision to make certification mandatory for technicians to perform the mechanical acceptance tests required by the Building Energy Efficiency Standards. Staff will present this plan in detail and solicit public comment with the following agenda:

- The Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider Program
- Threshold Requirements
- Implementation Issues
- The Certification Implementation Plan
- Next Steps

Background

A certified Acceptance Test Technician (ATT) is currently not required to perform the mechanical acceptance testing required under the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Standards). An ATT will be mandatory for mechanical acceptance testing only if the Energy Commission formally finds that the threshold requirements (Title 24, Part 1, §10- 103.2(b)) have been satisfied. Staff continuously monitors the Acceptance Test

Technician Certification Providers (ATTCPs) and is reasonably confident that the threshold requirements will be satisfied this year.

There are 18 mechanical acceptance tests required under the 2016 Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6, §120.5, and 19 under the 2019 Energy Code, which currently may be completed by any installing technician. For the Energy Commission to make it mandatory for only certified ATTs to perform the required mechanical acceptance testing, the Energy Commission must make the following determinations:

- There are a minimum of 300 certified ATTs statewide (§10-103.2(b)1A), and
- Eligible professions have reasonable access to the requisite training to become a certificated ATT (§10-103.2(b)2).

In the event that these requirements are met, staff has developed a plan with the following major elements:

- In order to establish the availability of certified ATTs across California counties, staff will monitor the disclosures of the ATTs to the ATTCPs regarding their individual service areas. Staff will compare this with the projects permitted in each county in California over the past year to determine the need and access to certified ATTs.
- Once staff has determined that all the requirements have been met (unofficially) to satisfy Title 24, Part 1, §10-103.2(b), staff will perform all of the following:
 - Develop and publish a staff report providing sufficient evidence that the threshold conditions have been met and evaluating the potential impact on the market place.
 - Hold a workshop regarding the staff report and solicit public comments.
 - Bring a resolution forward to an Energy Commission Business Meeting to make certification mandatory to perform mechanical acceptance tests.
- In order to assist local jurisdictions to enforce the certification requirement, staff will prepare training materials and engage in an outreach program prior to the implementation date.
- Staff will recommend that the implementation date be set six months after Energy Commission approval of the threshold. This will give mechanical contractors sufficient time to become certified ATTs and staff sufficient time to provide outreach materials to local jurisdictions and other industry stakeholders.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker and one speaker per organization. Any comments may become part of the public record for this proceeding.

Written comments: Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m.** on **September 20, 2019**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any internet search engine.

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Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include the docket number 13-ATTCP- 01 and Certification Implementation Plan in the subject line and send to docket@energy.ca.gov.

If preferred, a paper copy may be submitted to:

California Energy
Commission Docket Unit,
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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/attcp/notifications.html>

Dated: July 29, 2019, at Sacramento, California

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