

**Q** If the application for a master plan community was submitted before October 1, 2005, can all of the homes under that plan be built under the 2001 energy Standards, even though the build-out of the subdivision may take several years?

**A** No, each building in the master plan must comply with the current codes at the time each building permit application is submitted. The effective date of the new 2005 Energy Efficiency Standards for residential and nonresidential buildings is October 1, 2005. Builders often build 20 or so buildings at a time and submit applications for permits, pay fees, etc. at the time each phase of construction is set to begin. If the applications for a building permit for each of those buildings are all submitted prior to the effective date of the new Standards, then those buildings can show compliance under the 2001 Standards. Any application for a building permit for a particular building that is submitted after October 1, 2005 must comply with the 2005 Standards.

### **What the Standards actually say:**

#### **TITLE 24, PART 6, SECTION 100 – SCOPE**

- (a) Buildings Covered. The provisions of Title 24, Part 6, apply to all buildings:
2. For which an application for a building permit or renewal of an existing permit is filed (or is required by law to be filed) on or after the effective date of the provisions, or which are constructed by a governmental agency;

#### **TITLE 24, PART 1, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-103 (a)**

2. Application for a building permit. Each application for a building permit subject to Part 6, shall contain at least one copy of the documents listed in Sections 10-103 (a) 2 A, 10-103 (a) 2 B, and 10-103 (a) 2 C.
  - A. For all newly constructed buildings, additions, alterations or repairs regulated by Part 6, the applicant shall file the appropriate Certificate(s) of Compliance on the plans. The certificate(s) shall indicate the features and performance specifications needed to comply with Part 6, and shall be approved by the local enforcement agency by stamp or authorized signature. ...
  - B. Plans and specifications submitted with each application for a building permit shall show the characteristics of each feature, material, component, and manufactured device proposed to be installed in order to have the building meet the requirements of Part 6, and of any other feature, material, component, or manufactured device that Part 6 requires be indicated on the plans and specifications. Plans and specifications submitted with each application for a building permit for Nonresidential buildings, High-rise Residential buildings and Hotels and Motels shall provide acceptance requirements for code compliance of each feature, material, component or manufactured device when acceptance requirements are required under Part 6. ...
  - C. All documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance for the building, and of the sections of Part 6 with which the building is intended to comply shall be submitted with each application for a building permit. ...