

## **Example 2-6 from the 2008 Residential Compliance Manual**

### **Question:**

May a certified HERS rater who does the field verification and completes and signs the CF-4R for a dwelling also perform the testing required of the builder or installer to certify compliance with Title 24 installation requirements on the CF-6R?

### **Answer:**

Yes. This approach is allowed when the HERS rater is doing field verification for every dwelling (100% testing), but it is not allowed when the HERS rater performs verification utilizing a designated sample group of dwellings. When 100% testing is utilized for HERS verification, the builder or the installer may utilize the information from the HERS rater's verification or diagnostic test results when completing the CF-6R; but when doing so, the builder or installer must be aware that when they sign the certification statement on the CF-6R they are assuming responsibility for the information content on the CF-6R and are certifying that the installation conforms to all applicable codes and regulations. The HERS rater may not sign the CF-6R form and cannot be assigned the responsibilities of the builder or installer as stated on the CF-6R form and in regulations. If the HERS rater determines that the compliance requirements are not met, the builder or installer must take corrective action to make whatever corrections are necessary. Once corrections have been made and the HERS rater determines that all compliance requirements are met, the builder or installer may certify the work by completing and signing the applicable section of the CF-6R, and the HERS rater can complete the CF-4R documentation for the dwelling.

Note that the HERS rater must complete field verification and diagnostic testing after the measure is completely installed. For duct sealing, drywall must be completely installed before testing. A builder may contract with a certified HERS rater to complete testing at rough-in for quality control purposes, but such testing is not sufficient for meeting compliance requirements and certifications on the CF-4R.