A. POLICY:

IECC Above-Code Program:

Residential builders, using new technologies and better building practices, may elect to use an Above Code Energy Efficiency Program to improve energy efficiency. Approved Above Code Energy Efficiency Programs are considered in compliance with the IECC. Approved Above Code Energy Efficiency installations are verified to be compliant with the program protocols through inspection and third party verification.

B. PROCEDURE:

1. Permit Set-up:
   a. During plan review of the construction documents, plan check staff will indicate Yes or No in the default CQEA field if the plan is above code. By checking Yes, the inspection ticket shall indicate YES for CQEA.
   b. Above code permits will generate a daily report and the required inspection clearance shall be entered as a 999 Clearance: Energy Audit Report (CQEA). In addition to adding the CQEA, Green Construction staff shall remove the regularly associated inspection clearances for duct leakage (5547) and Building Thermal Envelope (CBTE).

2. 2012 Above Code Energy Audit Reports:
   a. Homes built under an approved Above Code program are required to submit for review a final HERS report prior to building final. Final HERS reports shall be submitted by an approved energy auditor in conformance with TG-95.

3. Clearance of CQEA final report:
   a. Final HERS reports shall be submitted electronically to the Green Construction section for review and approval.
   b. After review of the report, if acceptable, the “Clearance: QEA Final Report” shall be approved.
c. If the report is not acceptable, a correction notice shall be sent electronically to the energy auditor and the “Clearance: QEA Final Report” shall be resulted as disapproved.

d. Approved reports shall be sent to the Records Section for entry into the permanent record.

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