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**LETTER TO BUILDING INDUSTRY:****Clarification on Procedure for Verifying Building  
Envelope Leakage for the Building Energy Efficiency Standards**

Effective January 1, 2014, building contractors will be required to directly measure residential building air leakage by conducting a fan pressurization test (ASTM E779-03 – blower door test) for the building envelope sealing credit. This requirement will be effective for CF-6R-ENV-20-HERS forms registered with an approved HERS provider after December 31, 2013. From that date forward, the checklist method will no longer be available for use to verify residential building air leakage.

For more information regarding this clarification, please contact Christopher Olvera at (916) 651-1469 or by e-mail at [Chris.Olvera@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Olvera@energy.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pedro Gomez".

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