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To: All Residential Contractors

From: Donald L. Mock, P.E., Plan Review Chief 

Subject: Building Thermal Envelope Air Leakage Test Requirements

Beginning June 9, 2015, all permits applied for must be in accordance with the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, Section R402.4.1.2. New houses will be required to submit a blower door test to show documentation that the air leakage rate does not exceed (3) air changes per hour. This is a slight change from what was previously accepted, however the code is specific and Howard County will no longer accept any results greater than (3) air changes per hour. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 410-313-3948.

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