



# Rater UPDATE

Energy Rated Homes of Louisiana

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To: All Louisiana Energy Raters  
From: Jerry Heinberg  
RE: Termination Dates for Katrina and Rita Special Provisions  
Changes in Leadership of HERO and ERHL

## Important HERO Program Information

### New Custom-built Homes Are Removed from Participation

- 1) New custom-built homes can still participate until October 1, 2006 at which point no more preliminary ratings will be accepted. This change is due to the implementation of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) of 2006 for residential construction statewide on January 1, 2007.
  - 2) April 1, 2007 is the last date to receive final energy ratings on custom homes, whose preliminary ratings were submitted before the October 1, 2006 deadline.
  - 3) Remember that a federal tax credit is available to homeowners that upgrade to certain high efficiency air conditioners, heat pumps, and furnaces, new duct work, Energy Star windows, a tankless water heater, and/or ceiling insulation.
  - 4) Special provisions covering the renovation and reconstruction of hurricane-damaged homes in the 11 parishes that suffered from flooding and high wind damage will end on 08/31/2006.
- Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and ERHL announce a change in leadership for HERO and ERHL:
- ✓ We thank Mr. Buddy Justice for his previous leadership role with these important programs and wish to let you know that he now is in DNR's service as Special Consultant focusing on renewables and hurricane-related activities, presentations and demonstrations. He is no longer affiliated with HERO or ERHL.
  - ✓ Mr. Howard J. Hershberg is DNR's Manager for ERHL and the HERO program. Please welcome him to this role and contact him for advice, questions, recommendations, concerns, etc. :  
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