



Residential; Wisconsin *ENERGY STAR* Homes Program

Paul Soletski
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Dear Paul;

Since the inception of our Wisconsin *ENERGY STAR* Homes program, we have been partnering with the building community and individual companies such as yours, in promoting the construction of high performance homes that are comfortable, safe, durable, and energy efficient.

We believe the program standards that are in place and the implementation of them by our builder partners is successfully accomplishing these goals. One of those 'standards' is our air tightness requirement. We believe that one of the most cost effective improvements that can be done on today's housing stock is an *increase* in building tightness. This when combined with adequate, tested ventilation and proper combustion technology provide a very reliable strategy.

So far the blower door testing on your program homes show that you are not only meeting our stringent air tightness requirements, but are exceeding the target on average by **50%**. This should provide your customers with an increase in comfort, an increase in long term building durability, and a permanent reduction in their long term operating costs. I believe this a direct result of the effort put forth by you and your staff and by all trades people who work on your homes. Please pass on my comments.

We look forward to a continuing relationship with you and your staff in promoting the best housing possible for residents of Wisconsin. Thank you for participating in the Wisconsin *ENERGY STAR* Homes Program as a Builder Partner.

Sincerely,

Joe Nagan

Technical Director, Wisconsin *ENERGY STAR* Homes Program