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Building Envelope Performance Targets Finalized

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Technical Bulletin 09 issued a delay to the implementation of new building envelope performance targets to allow time for further analysis to be completed. The Net Zero Technical Committee has approved the following revision to the Technical Requirements in section 2.2.2 *Energy Efficiency*:

2.2.2 Energy Efficiency Targets

1. Homes ~~pre-enrolled prior to January 1, 2025~~ shall comply with the building envelope target by either:
 - a. Gross Space Heat Loss: The proposed house shall have a gross space heat loss that is at least 25% lower than the corresponding EnerGuide reference house, or
 - b. Annual Space Heating Energy Consumption: The proposed house when modelled with the standard mechanical conditions given in Table 2 below shall have annual space heating energy consumption that is at least 33% lower than the corresponding EnerGuide reference house.
2. ~~Homes pre-enrolled after December 31, 2024 shall comply with the building envelope target using gross space heat loss. The proposed house shall have a gross space heat loss that is at least 30% lower than the corresponding EnerGuide reference house.~~

These changes will immediately take effect in the following documents:

CHBA Net Zero Home Labelling Program for New Homes - Technical Requirements
CHBA Net Zero Home Labelling Program for Renovations - Technical Requirements

This decision was made by the Net Zero Technical Committee (NZ TC) on May 26, 2025. The NZ TC agreed that the analysis showed that maintaining a gross space heat loss target of 25% lower than the corresponding EnerGuide reference house aligns with the Program intent. It was also agreed that there was no need to remove the Annual Space Heating Energy Consumption target of 33% for those that would like to continue to use this target instead.

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