NFRC Launches Faster Energy Performance Testing System

NFRC is offering a series of online courses open to all providing information and instruction on the LEAFF trendline methodology for energy performance ratings. This course will also provide information on the new Condensation Index (CI), which will replace the current Condensation Resistance rating.

All NFRC Certified Simulators, regardless of company’s affiliation, and all Individual Responsible Charge (IRC) personnel from NFRC licensed Inspection Agencies are required to attend all phases of training and successfully pass exams as necessary, to maintain their status. Online training sessions begin soon. Register now!

Register here
Attending NFRC meetings is the best way to stay up to date on any information that will affect you and your company. Join the experts at the NFRC 2020 Spring Committee Meeting. Learn from the fenestration community strategies that can take your business to the next level.

Some meeting highlights include:

- Sustainability Educational Sessions and Green Building Tour
- New Commercial Ratings Program Review
- Energy-Efficient Windows Impact Report
- Research, Technology, and Ratings Committee Block

Don't forget to tag us on social media by using #NFRCMeetings during the meeting.

**NFRC Meeting App**

The Attendee Hub mobile meeting app is scheduled to go live on **March 3rd**.

It has all the essential information you'll need for the meeting like the schedule, agendas, minutes, attendee directory, and many more features to enhance your meeting experience.

More details will follow about how to access the app either on your mobile device or desktop. Stay tuned!

Don’t miss a fun evening of trivia with the Leaders Network. Join us to meet new members, learn about other’s experiences at NFRC and show off your general knowledge. If you haven’t registered for the meeting, you can include this ticket in your registration, but even if you have already registered, just click [here](#) to register for this event.

**Six NFRC Documents Submitted for Public Review**

NFRC Board of Directors approved a plan to submit six NFRC documents to the American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI) process. The public review and comment period are scheduled to run from Feb. 7 – March 23, 2020.

[Read more](#)

**NFRC Ballots Are Open**

NFRC encourages members to participate by reviewing the documents and voting forms. Three committees are represented in this ballot cycle.
FenStar® 2020 Verification Testing

NFRC’s FenStar® program is the only accredited certification body for windows, doors, and skylights for the ENERGY STAR program. Verification Testing (VT) is required to maintain ENERGY STAR® certification and is facilitated by NFRC as part of your FenStar Certification Program partnership. There is no additional charge for VT, it provided as a courtesy in the FenStar Certification Program for ENERGY STAR products.

The 2020 selections are currently being determined. Be sure the PESI is up to date with all ENERGY STAR certified products. Please make note that the dates below list the timeline for the verification testing selection.

- Partners Notified of Selections thru 3/1/2020
- All Test Units Arrive at Labs: 4/15/2020
- Thermal Testing Completed: 9/30/2020
- Component Evaluations Completed: 11/15/2020
- FVT Completed: 12/31/2020

New Verification Testing e-mail address

There is a new email address for communications related to the FenStar® Verification Testing (FVT). The new email address is FVT@nfrc.org. The IVP@nfrc.org will remain active until June 1, 2020. To ensure you receive all communications regarding FenStar®, please add FVT@nfrc.org to your safe-senders email list. Communications regarding certification, should still go to FCP@nfrc.org. Please direct questions to the relevant inbox or to Dan Womer or Steve McDowell.

WANTED: Commercial Fenestration Experts.

Researchers are actively recruiting study participants who have commercial fenestration industry knowledge. To participate in a brief survey or interview, email contact information to NFRCCommercialFenestrationReport@navigant.com

NRFC and the Department of Energy’s Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) are working together on a national research project to identify the energy savings and cost benefits of using more efficient windows in commercial buildings. The focus areas include market data, installed building stock data, and codes. The research will gather data to better understand the intricacies of the commercial fenestration market.

Data collection and analysis, which is expected to continue through September, will feed into the modeling of national energy savings potential led by LBNL. An aggregate summary of the information, along with key take-aways on market dynamics, will be available later this year. For more information, contact April Rawson.

COMcheck 4.1.2.0 Released

NFRC recently provided an updated dataset of commercial fenestration products for the Department of Energy’s COMcheck software tool. The dataset contains energy efficiency
ratings for projects that received NFRC label certification using our Component Modeling Approach Program. The COMcheck tool allows architects, builders, designers, and contractors to determine whether new commercial or high-rise residential buildings, additions, and alterations meet the requirements of the IECC and ASHRAE Standard 90.1.

You can access the COMcheck site [here](https://www.nfrc.org/COMcheck).

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**Important Information for CMAST Users**

For CMAST client application users, we are actively working on a new CMAST client solution and plan to make it available later this year. In the meantime, we recommend upgrading the computer that is used to access CMAST, to Microsoft Windows 8.1. ([https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=42335](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=42335))

Please let us know if you have issues accessing or using CMAST Client Application once the operating system has been upgraded, and we will assist you.

If you have any questions about CMAST, please contact support@nfrc.org

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**Sustainability / Green Building**

**Homeowners turn to technology not just for window dressing**

When empty nesters Tom and Joyce Conner decided to build an energy-efficient dream house in Fairfax, Va., they said they knew from experience how critical windows would be to their comfort and finances.

[Read more](www.washingtonpost.com)
Shows / Meetings

March 2020

- NFRC 2020 Spring Committee Meeting, College Park, MD -
  - March 16 - 18, 2020

October 2020

- NFRC 2020 Fall Membership Meeting, Location TBD --
  October 19 - 21, 2020

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National Fenestration Rating Council

NFRC envisions a future where every window, door, and skylight purchase decision is made using the NFRC label to evaluate energy performance.