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## **ADVANCED ENERGY HOSTS FIRST ENERGY STAR® VERSION 3.0 TRAINING IN THE COUNTRY, CERTIFIES HOME ENERGY RATERS**

**(Raleigh, N.C. — Oct. 27, 2010)** Advanced Energy – a Raleigh, N.C. nonprofit focusing on energy efficiency for residential building, commercial and industrial markets, electric motors and drives and plug-in transportation – held the first ENERGY STAR® Version 3.0 training for home energy raters in the country during a two-day workshop on Oct. 6 and 7, successfully qualifying 45 North Carolina home energy raters to certify homes to the new ENERGY STAR standards.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR Version 3.0, which will replace version 2.0 in 2012, features more stringent energy-efficient building standards that are mandatory for homebuilders. Additional water management and HVAC system checklists will ensure proper installation and sizing of systems inside ENERGY STAR homes.

Advanced Energy's pilot workshop, sponsored by Progress Energy, Duke Energy and the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, was designed to educate raters about ENERGY STAR's new standards. All home energy raters employed within the three electric territories were invited to the training, held at the Sheraton Hotel in Raleigh.

Advanced Energy, through a contract with The Cadmus Group, Inc. for the EPA, will eventually provide four more sessions for other Residential Energy Services Network® (RESNET) training providers around the country. Home energy raters and builders, in return, will learn the enhanced curriculum directly from the training providers.



**Advanced Energy's Krista Egger trains workshop participants on ENERGY STAR Version 3.0.**

"Advanced Energy's Rater Camp is a great way for home energy raters in North Carolina to learn about the latest developments in their field and get up-to-speed on emerging issues," says Jonathan Passe, communications coordinator, ENERGY STAR Residential Programs, EPA. "This year, raters attending the camp got their first exposure to the upcoming ENERGY STAR for Homes Version 3.0 guidelines."

The pilot training session featured interactive class workshops led by Advanced Energy's team members Krista Egger and Jonathan Coulter. The participants were split into two class sessions for in-depth training and active discussions, and they received training manuals to reference in the field.

"The classes were extremely interactive," says Kristi Matthews, Account Manager, Applied Building Science, Advanced Energy. "Raters were able to talk to each other and share best implementation practices and ideas for overcoming possible problems in the field."



**Workshop participants discuss effective methods for water management and HVAC system implementation.**

All participants successfully passed the ENERGY STAR certification test given at the end of the training session. This will allow them to certify homes to Version 3.0 standards starting in 2012.

Representatives from the EPA and ICF International also attended the training session.

"It was a chance to see the faces behind the program and get direct answers and offer feedback," says Jamie Hager, workshop participant, Southern Energy Management.

For more information about home energy raters or the ENERGY STAR program, visit the [ENERGY STAR website](#).

### **About Advanced Energy**

Advanced Energy is a Raleigh, N.C.-based nonprofit committed to a future in which energy needs are met at reasonable costs and with the least negative consequences. The organization continues to work collaboratively to demonstrate that industry, government and nonprofits can successfully work together to improve the environment and encourage the economy. For 30 years, Advanced Energy has created economic, environmental and societal benefits through innovative and market-based approaches to energy issues. For more information, visit [www.AdvancedEnergy.org](http://www.AdvancedEnergy.org).

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