## Take-Away Notes from June 8, 2010 Meeting on California Appliance and Building Code Compliance, among AG's Office, CEC, CPUC, and PG&E

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A view of the problem areas:

## Lowest to highest efficiency

- "Energy Star" Appliances the highest EE models. May not be certified in CEC database, and may contain some "frauds" not verified by USEPA. Focus of utility EE rebate programs.
- "Calif. Compliant Appliances" meeting CEC &/or Federal minimum standards, though all may not be legally certified in CEC database.
- "Inefficient, Not-compliant Units" not meeting min. CEC &/or Federal minimum standards. May still be sold in CA.

- A. How get these models into CEC certified database?
  How ensure USEPA EnergyStarlabeled units are truly highest efficiency models in practice?
- **B.** CEC needs to ensure models sold in Calif. get certified in CEC database. These models are not promoted via utility EE programs, so compliance must target manufacturers, retailers, &/or consumers.
- **C.** CEC and AG need to work with manufacturers & retailers to get these models off the market.
- <u>Box A</u>: We discussed having PG&E look into Box A solutions to be able to have manufacturers and/or utilities do a comparison and compliance effort to make sure the utility-promoted USEPA EnergyStar appliances are also listed/certified in the CEC database.
- We also discussed CEC's plans to consult with USEAP Energy Star representatives as the latter undertakes increased efforts to add testing and/or documentation as a means to strengthen process for those models securing an EnergyStar label.
- <u>Box B:</u> We did not discuss in any depth what the CEC is doing to obtain compliance with "Box B" cases. This appears to have no relation to utility EE incentive programs.
- Box C: The CEC and AG's office are discussing options here.