

Andrew Courts From Environmental Solutions Group Obtains HERS Rater Designation

Andrew Courts has completed all requirements for certification as a HERS Energy Rater through the Department of Energy's Home Energy Rater Program

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GREENSBORO , N.C./EWORLDWIRE/Dec. 15, 2008 --- Andrew Courts has completed the rigorous certification process to be recognized as a Home Energy Rater under the EPA's ENERGY STAR Homes program. The designation recognizes Courts' knowledge and field experience in energy efficient design of residential buildings.

Home energy raters provide energy-efficiency strategies and tests for existing and new residential and commercial construction. Home energy raters play an integral part in the ENERGY STAR process. Raters offer two major types of services:

- . Assistance in reviewing current construction practices and recommended improvements that will result in ENERGY STAR compliance
- . Conducting Home Energy Rating System (HERS) ratings.

As an energy rater with Environmental Solutions Group, Courts performs energy audits and building envelope analysis. He works closely with builders and homeowners and is highly regarded as a problem solver.

Builders and property owners can easily locate ENERGY STAR builders and Home Energy Raters across the country and in their area. The ENERGY STAR website ('<http://www.energystar.gov>') features a search by state function that allows users to find a builder who has partnered with a rater to certify ENERGY STAR homes.

Environmental Solutions Group's energy division provides energy audits and green building verification services for residential and commercial properties. ESG's building scientists combine technology and common sense to provide guidance and third-party verification services for contractors and homeowners.

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a home must meet guidelines for energy efficiency set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These homes are at least 15 percent more energy efficient than homes built to the 2004 International Residential Code (IRC), and include additional energy-saving features that typically make them 20 percent to 30 percent more efficient than standard homes.

To learn more about Environmental Solutions Group or ENERGY STAR homes, visit '<http://www.esgtesting.com>' or '<http://www.energystar.gov>'.

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