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Subject: Energy Code Questions

Hi Andrea and Roxanna,

There were a couple of questions at the SVABO ICC Chapter meeting on Friday (3/8) in West Sacramento that I wanted to follow up on. Is there a way to share this with the attendees?? Maybe a PDF of this email posted online?

Q1: Regarding the heat pump water heating ready requirements in Section 150.0(n), if the designated space for the future installation of a heat pump water heater will be outside, say against the exterior wall of an ADU, does the Energy Code require that space to be enclosed.

A1: No, the Energy Code does not specifically require the designated space to be enclosed. With that said, the Energy Code requires the designated space to be suitable for future installation of a heat pump water heater, so the AHJ can take that into consideration when determining any additional requirements for the space. Also, ensuring that set back requirements are being met as well in this instance.

Q2: Regarding the heat pump space heater ready requirements in Section 150.0(t), can the electrical serving the installed gas furnace be used to meet this section, or does the electrical have to be a separate dedicated branch circuit?

A2: Yes, the electrical wiring and branch circuit serving the gas furnace can be used to meet Section 150.0(t), assuming it meets the dedicated 240 volt branch circuit wiring and 30 amps minimum branch circuit conductors requirements, then a separate dedicated branch circuit would not be necessary.