



IG Certification Task Group Conference Call Notes 2/15/07

Attendees: Tina Jenkins (Chair), Dave DeBlock, John Kent, Tracy Rogers, Steve Strawn, and Jessica Ferris (NFRC Staff)

The group discussed next steps in lieu of the survey results, which were split. Survey results will be discussed further with the full group in Austin

1. A majority of comments received did not favor IG Certification as a requirement. The concern of potential added costs was the main reason explained for this.
2. Given these sorts of concerns, the group discussed the need to make sure that any recommendation for IG Certification be supported with at least a technical justification or rationale for this requirement. Do we have a technical reason that supports this or are there other reasons?
3. Technical Reasons:
 - It does not appear that a clear glass unit would be thermally compromised due to IG failure. On the contrary, it was noted that the SHGC has been shown to improve. There are aesthetic concerns, however.
 - What is the impact on U-factor of a gas-filled unit that fails? Has there been any research done on this? Does this effect only U-factor, SHGC or either?
 - Prior to the Austin meeting, the group will investigate whether any research has been done on the impact of whole product thermal performance for products using gas-fill IG units. John Kent will contact Margaret Webb and Bill Gorman, as well as some of the labs and see if he can come up with any information.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:00 PM