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**TO:** Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers, and Weatherization Coordinators  
**FROM:** Tim Zimmer, Weatherization Program Coordinator  
**RE:** REM Rate Settings  
**DATE:** 11/02/2009

It has come to our attention that not all agencies are aware of the required settings in REM Rate used to ensure accurate results.

Heating Degree Settings – Use the Built-in-Heating Degree Setting in REM as follows:

- On-the-Site Information screen next to the Climate Location box. Click on the box with three (3) dots . . . (or ellipsis).
- Type the first three (3) numbers of your zip code in the Zip Code box.
- Choose the closest city to your location. This setting will be saved, and REM should default to this location each time you use it.

Mortgage Discount Rate – When completing an Improvement Analysis, review the Improvement Analysis Criteria screen. Look at the upper right hand corner of the screen for the Economic Factors screen. In the Mortgage/Discount Rate box, input 3.00 in the box.

Measure Life Requirements -

<b>MEASURE LIFE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Measure of Time</u></b>
Attic Insulation (batting or blow-in)	25 years
Wall Insulation (batting or blow-in)	25 years
Floor Insulation (batting or blow-in)	25 years
Rigid Insulation	25 years
Steel Doors	20 years
Mobile Home Doors	15 years
Heating Systems	18 years
Rim Joist Insulation	20 years
Window Replacements	25 years
Storm Windows	20 years
Lighting Measures	7 years
Water Heater	10 years
Duct Sealing	20 years
Duct Insulation	15 years
Refrigerators	15 years
Infiltration	18 years

If there are any questions regarding how to implement these settings, please call Steve Divan, OHCS Compliance Specialist 2, at (503) 986-0979, or via e-mail at: [steven.divan@state.or.us](mailto:steven.divan@state.or.us)