

Comment Received Via E-mail From Martin Holladay

Here is a comment on the proposed new specification for Energy Star Homes:

The proposed specification now reads: "In homes with oil or gas hydronic equipment, domestic water heating must be provided by the space heating boiler (tankless)."

Comment: I think the term "tankless" is an error. You are probably talking about an indirect water heater. An indirect water heater (off a boiler) uses a tank -- it is not tankless. In the old days, some boilers had tankless coils. No one installs tankless coils anymore -- they are inefficient and require the boiler to be kept hot all the time. The word "tankless" also refers to instantaneous water heaters, either gas or electric, but I don't think you intend to refer to these either. So, change "tankless" to "indirect."