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Dear California stakeholders,

EPA has posted the final Version guidelines for California on its Website at:
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_v3_california.

EPA has also posted its responses to the comments and questions that were received and compiled during the draft guideline comment period.

The final guidelines are nearly identical to those that were proposed during the comment period. The implementation schedule is defined as follows:

ENERGY STAR for New Homes Implementation Schedule for California

Version #	Applicable to Homes with Permit Date On or After	Version Description
Version 2	Before 01/01/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\geq 15\%$ above 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards• Duct leakage to outdoors ≤ 6 CFM / 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area• QII and Thermal Bypass Checklist enforced
Version 2.5	01/01/2012 to 09/30/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\geq 15\%$ above 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards• Duct leakage to outdoors ≤ 6 CFM / 100 sq. ft. of conditioned floor area• Section 3 & 5 of the Thermal Enclosure System Rater Checklist completed and enforced; all other checklists completed but not enforced
Version 3	After 09/30/2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $\geq 15\%$ above 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards• Size Adjustment Factor applied and enforced• All checklists completed and enforced

As you can see, Version 2.5 will require the completion all of the inspection checklists, with full enforcement of sections 3 & 5 of the Thermal Enclosure System Rater Checklist only. This policy will provide more time for our partners to familiarize themselves with the inspection checklists prior to their enforcement under Version 3.

Note that EPA continues to provide an extended implementation timeline for low-income projects financed through low-income housing agencies, which is explained in the Version 2.5 and 3 program documents for California.

EPA will host a webinar for stakeholders in California to review the final Version 2.5 and 3 guidelines on October 11 from 2-3pm Eastern. Register at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/384225161>,

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your work promoting ENERGY STAR.

Best Regards,
The ENERGY STAR for New Homes Team

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