

## New Homes EEPS Update: June 2013

Dear ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Utility Sponsor,

Greetings from your Account Managers! This email is intended to highlight important information and resources from the ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Program. We encourage you to pass this information along to your program participants and colleagues as you see fit.

### The 2013 Utility Sponsor Questionnaire: We Heard You!

Thank you for participating in the 2013 Utility Sponsor Questionnaire. This annual check-in is an important way for EPA to gather feedback from utility partners and identify areas where you most need support. We hope that you find some of the resources in this email helpful as you continue to implement your residential energy efficiency programs in 2013.

### Register for the 2013 Utility Sponsor Meeting

The 2013 Utility Sponsor Meeting is on the horizon! Please mark your calendars and go ahead and [register for the event](#), which is being held from October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. The Sponsor Meeting will include EPA and peer presentations that are related to many of the topics you highlighted in your responses to the Sponsor Questionnaire. Stay tuned for additional updates on the event including the agenda.

### Customized Builder Support

Do you have builders in your service territory that would benefit from additional technical or marketing assistance? We may be able to help! Contact us today and we can discuss your needs.

### ENERGY STAR Consumer Video

The ENERGY STAR Certified Homes consumer video, available for download at [www.energystar.gov/mesa](http://www.energystar.gov/mesa), uses real homeowner testimonials, visual examples of the building and rating process, and cutting-edge animation to explain how ENERGY STAR certified homes are built to a higher standard than typical new homes. This resource demonstrates to consumers the peace of mind that comes with buying an ENERGY STAR certified home.



We encourage you to download the video for use on your website and encourage builders and Raters to use the video in model home showcase rooms and other video display opportunities.

### Cost Effective Ways to Construct ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Webinar

Builders across the country have developed innovative building techniques that help them meet the ENERGY STAR requirements. On Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. ET we will be holding a webinar to share these best practices for cost effectively complying with the ENERGY STAR program requirements. To register for the webinar, please visit the ENERGY STAR webinar page at: [www.energystar.gov/newhomeswebinars](http://www.energystar.gov/newhomeswebinars). This page will soon be updated with new webinar offerings for July and August.

### ENERGY STAR Checklist Technical Guides

Technical guides for the ENERGY STAR Inspection Checklists are now available at the Building America Solutions Center, created by the U.S. Department of Energy. These free guides replace EPA's Inspection Checklist Field Guidebooks and provide a wealth of building science and energy-efficiency information, including illustrations on the requirements for each item on the Inspection Checklists. You can access the guides at: <http://basc.pnnl.gov/checklists/energy-star>. We encourage you to share these guides with builders, Raters, HVAC contractors and other participants in your program.

As always, if you have any questions or needs with regards to ENERGY STAR, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

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