ENERGY STAR AND ITS PARTNERS MAKE GREAT STRIDES IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Advancements in energy-efficient products, practices, and services help individuals and organizations protect the climate and public health while strengthening the economy. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports innovative environmental solutions through public-private partnerships such as ENERGY STAR. Since 1992, the ENERGY STAR program has reduced GHG emissions with real-world, cost-effective approaches. Together with its partners, ENERGY STAR continues to drive energy waste reductions and advance markets for widespread energy efficiency throughout the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors.

ENERGY STAR is a key part of EPA’s ongoing efforts to develop national programs, policies, and regulations for reducing air pollution. ENERGY STAR is the simple choice for energy efficiency. Behind each blue label is a product, building, or home that is independently certified to use less energy and cause fewer of the emissions that contribute to climate change. Today, with awareness at more than 85%, ENERGY STAR is a widely recognized symbol for energy efficiency, helping families and businesses save $360 billion on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2.5 billion metric tons since 1992.

This document provides a brief overview of key ENERGY STAR achievements in 2014.

RESULTS FOR 2014

In 2014, millions of consumers and 16,000 partners tapped the value of ENERGY STAR and achieved impressive financial and environmental results. Their investments in energy-efficient technologies and practices reduced utility bills by $34 billion and will continue to provide cost savings for years to come.

Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, prevented more than 300 million metric tons of GHG emissions (see Fig. 1) in 2014 alone—providing over $12 billion in benefits to society due to reducing damages from climate change.

Fig. 1. ENERGY STAR Program Benefits Have Doubled in the Last Five Years

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1 All reductions in annual GHG emissions are reported in million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMTCO₂e).


3 Graphs reflect cumulative program benefits since the program began in 1992.
ENERGY STAR FOR PRODUCTS

As the simple choice for energy efficiency, ENERGY STAR makes it easy for consumers and businesses to purchase products that save them money and protect the environment. EPA remains focused on maintaining program integrity, while expanding ENERGY STAR’s role as a trusted resource in the fight against climate change.

**Certified Products.** Americans purchased more than 320 million ENERGY STAR certified products in 2014 across more than 70 product categories for a cumulative total exceeding 5.2 billion products since 1992 (see Fig. 2). Today, more than 85% of the American public recognizes the ENERGY STAR label.

**ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2014.** By the end of 2014, more than 1,800 models from 164 manufacturers were recognized as the best of ENERGY STAR for energy efficiency and innovation. Categories included televisions, computer monitors, clothes washers, refrigerators, dishwashers, heating and cooling equipment, ventilation and ceiling fans, and windows.

**ENERGY STAR Product Specifications.** EPA updated performance requirements for clothes washers, set-top boxes, windows/doors/skylights, residential water heaters, central air conditioners, air source heat pumps, ventilating fans, and televisions. The ENERGY STAR specification for battery charging systems was sunset. Clothes dryers were added to the program.

**Third-Party Certification for ENERGY STAR Products.** All products that earn the ENERGY STAR are subject to strict testing and certification requirements before they can carry the label. As of the end of 2014, there were more than 50,000 certified product models. A subset of products is also subject to verification testing administered by EPA-recognized certification bodies. In 2014, EPA disqualified 57 models based on the results of this post-market testing. The program’s emphasis on testing and third-party product review ensures that consumers can trust ENERGY STAR certified products to deliver the energy savings promised by the label.

**Fig. 2. More than 5.2 Billion ENERGY STAR Certified Products Purchased Since the Program Began***

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4 The national requirement is benchmarked to the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In states that adopt the 2012 IECC, the program is benchmarked to be 15% more efficient than the 2012 IECC.
**Energy Efficiency Guidance and Tools for Homeowners.** In 2014, Americans viewed the residential section of the ENERGY STAR website nearly two million times to find information about home efficiency improvements. They also used EPA's Home Energy Yardstick and Home Energy Advisor tools to assess their homes' energy use and get recommendations to help reduce utility bills and improve comfort. EPA improved the functionality of the ENERGY STAR Home Energy Advisor in 2014 to provide homeowners customized, prioritized recommendations for energy improvements and to allow them to track their progress.

**Affordable Housing.** In fiscal year 2014, approximately 4,800 ENERGY STAR certified homes were built within the affordable housing sector using funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Nearly 6,000 manufactured homes earned the ENERGY STAR label in 2014, for a cumulative total of over 63,000. In addition, more than 13,000 ENERGY STAR certified homes have been built by Habitat for Humanity, including nearly 1,100 homes built in 2014 by 132 Habitat for Humanity affiliates nationwide.

**ENERGY STAR FOR BUSINESS**

More than 7,400 organizations have partnered with EPA to deliver GHG emissions reductions, advance their sustainability goals, and increase financial value through ENERGY STAR's program for business. These ENERGY STAR partners demonstrate practical and proven solutions to increase the efficiency of buildings and industrial plants and serve as examples for others to follow.

**Benchmarking: Now Standard Practice in Commercial Buildings.** By the end of 2014, more than 400,000 properties were benchmarked using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager as a standard way to measure, track, assess, and report on the energy and water consumption across more than 40% of the nation's commercial building space (see Fig. 4). With an increasing number of cities leveraging EPA's Portfolio Manager tool to implement their own climate and sustainability policies, benchmarking energy use has become a standard practice in many buildings across the nation.

**1-100 ENERGY STAR Score Launched for Multifamily Properties.** Through a multi-year partnership with Fannie Mae, ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager debuted a new 1-100 ENERGY STAR score for multifamily properties. The unprecedented launch enables existing apartment and condominium properties, which house 30% of the U.S. population, to measure energy performance. As ENERGY STAR certification became available in the fall of 2014, more than 20 properties earned this designation by the year's end.

**ENERGY STAR Certification for Top Performance.** To celebrate 15 years of ENERGY STAR certification for buildings, EPA launched special recognition for multiple-building certifications. More than 300 organizations achieved membership in Certification Nation, with 11 organizations certifying more than 150 buildings each. In total, more than 25,000 buildings and 130 industrial plants had earned ENERGY STAR certification by the end of 2014. More than 120 new design projects designated as Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR were also certified as ENERGY STAR through 2014.

**Battle of the Buildings Competitors Team Up to Power Down.** The 2014 competition hosted a field of more than 100 teams, who worked to cut energy waste across their participating buildings. Teams ranged in size from five buildings to more than 2,000 buildings. As of the competition midpoint, Team Walgreens led the field with a 10.7% reduction, and a Kroger warehouse had the largest individual reduction of 37%.

**Industrial Efficiency Gets Boost from Treasure Hunts.** EPA released a new tool, the ENERGY STAR Treasure Hunt Guide, as an important way to engage employees in identifying low-cost energy-saving opportunities from behavioral, operational, and maintenance actions. This popular guidebook is increasingly adopted by organizations as step-by-step guidance on how to organize and execute an energy treasure hunt to find significant energy savings in their facilities.

**Industrial Plants Challenged to Improve.** By the end of 2014, the number of industrial sites committed to the ENERGY STAR Challenge for Industry grew, while 306 sites met or exceeded their targets by achieving an average 20% reduction in energy intensity.

**Reaching Larger Audiences.** Through the ENERGY STAR partnership, service and product providers, utility companies, energy efficiency program administrators, and federal, state, and local governments continue to use ENERGY STAR tools to connect customers and stakeholders with the value of pursuing energy reductions.

**Fig. 3. Nearly 1.6 Million Homes Nationwide Have Earned the ENERGY STAR Label**

**Fig. 4. Steady Growth in Building Space Benchmarked**

Cumulative square footage represents the unique building floor space benchmarked in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager. Building space benchmarked over multiple years is only counted once in the cumulative total.
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EnergyCAP, Inc.
State College, PA
Energy Inspectors
Las Vegas, NV
Evergreen Public Schools
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Fanning Howey
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Houston, TX
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Ft. Wright, KY
Kohl’s Department Stores
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LG Electronics
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Liberty Property Trust
Malvern, PA
Loudoun County Public Schools
Broadlands, VA
Manitowoc Foodservice
New Port Richey, FL
Memorial Hermann Health System
Houston, TX
Merck & Co., Inc.
Kenilworth, NJ
Meritage Homes Corporation
Scottsdale, AZ
Milford Housing Development Corporation
Milford, DE
Nationwide Marketing Group
Winston Salem, NC
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Trenton, NJ
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Albany, NY
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
New York, NY
Nissan North America, Inc.
Franklin, TN
North Penn School District
Lansdale, PA
Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP)
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Panasonic Eco Solutions
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Pella Corporation
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PECO
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Potomac Electric Power Company ("Pepco")
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PPL Electric Utilities
Allentown, PA
Providence Homes
Jacksonville, FL
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
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