



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



Dear Pacific Stakeholders,

On December 6th, EPA announced a proposal to implement new ENERGY STAR program requirements in Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands in response to Hawaii's more stringent energy code, which commenced a 10-day stakeholder feedback period. This email announces the finalized policy, which matches the proposal.

A new version of the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) program requirements for use in Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, called Pacific Version 3.2, will be required for homes permitted on or after January 1, 2026. This new version defines separate requirements for homes based on the percentage of occupied space that is air conditioned:

- **For homes that have ≤ 50% air-conditioned occupied space:** Prescriptive efficiency measures, regional Rater checklists, and the completion of an ERI rating are required. Note that one of the prescriptive measures is an efficient air conditioner serving bedrooms, meaning that homes will be required to be partly conditioned to be certified.
- **For homes that have > 50% air-conditioned occupied space:** National Version 3.2 of the program is required.

In addition, Version 1.2 of the ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction National Program Requirements will be required in these locations for multifamily buildings permitted on or after January 1, 2027.

No comments were received during the stakeholder feedback period. The finalized SFNH Pacific Program Requirements, Version 3.2, as well as the resources made available during the first comment period have been posted on the [ENERGY STAR website](#).

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders working in the residential new construction market in the Pacific.

Best regards,

The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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