



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Stakeholder,

Beginning in December 2023, the EPA proposed a set of quality assurance and quality control (QAQC) enhancements designed to create more confidence in ENERGY STAR certifications, including centralized photo collection, digital checklist retention, printing of labels and certificates exclusively through approved software, and a threshold amount of QA review being performed directly by Home Certification Organization (HCO) personnel.

This email announces that the EPA has finalized these policies and posted the revised ENERGY STAR Certification System document on its [HCO webpage](#). All comments submitted by stakeholders, the EPA's responses to comments, and a redline version of the finalized Certification System are available on the EPA's [stakeholder feedback webpage](#).

The EPA will work with HCOs to set implementation timelines and expects the first elements to begin rolling out in 2025. No immediate action is needed from participants (e.g., Raters and quality control reviewers) until an HCO announces protocol changes through its normal communication channels. Additional information and training will be provided as changes are implemented in the coming months and years.

Best regards,

The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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