



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



Dear Residential New Construction Stakeholders,

In response to the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), the EPA is proposing new national versions of the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Program Requirements: Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) National Version 3.3 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) National Version 1.3.

For the SFNH program, there are three key changes proposed, relative to the predecessor version:

1. A more stringent ENERGY STAR ERI target of ~45-50 for most homes.
2. A thermal backstop aligned with the 2024 IECC prescriptive path.
3. An infiltration backstop of 3.5 ACH50, with alternative metrics for small homes and attached homes.

For the MFNC program, there are two key changes proposed, relative to the predecessor version:

1. A more stringent performance target:
 - ERI Path: ENERGY STAR MFNC ERI target of ~40-50 for most dwelling units;
 - Prescriptive Path: ENERGY STAR MFNC v1.3 Reference Design specifications; or
 - ASHRAE Path: 15% savings over 90.1-2022.
2. A thermal backstop aligned with the 2024 IECC prescriptive path.

All other mandatory features (i.e., the national program checklists) are proposed to remain unchanged relative to the current national program requirements.

A four-week stakeholder feedback period commences today, October 24th, and will end on November 21st. The EPA values the feedback of our ENERGY STAR partners and other program stakeholders and will consider all feedback received during the comment period. Visit the [ENERGY STAR website](#) to watch a recording of the EPA's webinar on the proposal and to access the Stakeholder Comment Form. Note that all submitted comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR website.

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

Best Regards,
ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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