



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### Dear ENERGY STAR Stakeholder,

This email is to announce that the **EPA has finalized the Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) National Version 3.3 program requirements and the Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) National Version 1.3 program requirements.** These new versions are not required at this time but are available to partners for optional use.

In addition, the **EPA has posted Revision 14 of the SFNH program requirements and Revision 05 of the MFNC program requirements.** Partners are permitted to use these Revisions immediately, at their discretion, but must apply them to all homes and apartments permitted on or after January 1, 2026.

See below for additional important details.

#### **Release of SFNH National Version 3.3 and MFNC National Version 1.3**

The EPA has finalized new program requirements, called Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) National v3.3 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) National v1.3, for states that adopt the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), or equivalent. The EPA appreciates the feedback provided by program partners and other stakeholders on its earlier proposal. The final program documents have been posted on the [ENERGY STAR Program Requirements webpage](#). Comments submitted by stakeholders and the EPA's responses to comments will be posted in the coming weeks.

For SFNH National Version 3.3, there are three key changes, relative to the predecessor version:

1. A more stringent ENERGY STAR ERI target of ~45-50 for most homes.
2. A thermal envelope backstop aligned with the 2024 IECC performance paths:
  - In CZ 1-2, ≤ 108% of the total TC per 2024 IECC Table 402.1.2; and
  - In CZ 3-8, ≤ 115% of the total TC per 2024 IECC Table 402.1.2.
3. An infiltration backstop of 3.5 ACH50, with alternative metrics for small homes and attached homes, and an allowance of 4 ACH50 for homes permitted prior to 1/1/2027.

For MFNC National Version 1.3, there are two key changes, 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. Thermal envelope backstop options aligned with the 2024 IECC Residential chapter performance paths, per above, and the 2024 IECC Commercial chapter.

The final program requirements represent two notable adjustments from the EPA's original proposal in response to stakeholder feedback and additional analysis. First, the thermal backstop is aligned with the 2024 IECC performance paths, rather than the prescriptive path, to provide additional design flexibility while still meeting the program's overall savings goals. Second, a temporary infiltration target of 4 ACH50 is allowed for single-family homes permitted prior to 1/1/27 to provide a transition period towards the long-term performance goal of 3.5 ACH50.

These versions are not required at this time but are available for optional use, and the EPA will work with rating software providers to add support. In the future, the EPA will establish transition schedules for these new versions in states that adopt the 2024 IECC, or an equivalently stringent code.

In addition, the EPA anticipates these new versions of the program requirements will become the minimum eligible versions for the § 45L Tax Credit for residences acquired in 2028 (for single-family homes) and 2029 (for multifamily dwelling units) based on the timelines prescribed in the tax code.

Partners should also be aware that newer versions of the ENERGY STAR program requirements can be used to satisfy the minimum requirements for the § 45L tax credit in a given year. For example, in 2025, a home certified to SFNH National Version 3.3 also meets the minimum eligible version for the § 45L tax credit this year, which is SFNH National v3.2. More information about the tax credit is available at [energystar.gov/45LTaxCredits](https://energystar.gov/45LTaxCredits).

### **Release of SFNH Revision 14 and MFNC Revision 05**

Revision 14 of the ENERGY STAR [Single-Family New Homes \(SFNH\) program](#) and Revision 05 of the ENERGY STAR [Multifamily New Construction \(MFNC\) program](#) have been posted, though several remaining documents will be released in the coming weeks, including the Multifamily Workbook, QA/CR Checklists, and 'Mark-Up' documents showing tracked changes. The EPA appreciates partners' feedback on the original proposal and has posted all submitted comments and the EPA's responses to comments on the [ENERGY STAR archives webpage](#).

As a reminder, Revisions typically clarify, simplify, and improve the program, rather than increase the overall stringency of the requirements. Partners are permitted to use these Revisions immediately, at their discretion, but must apply them to all homes and apartments permitted on or after January 1, 2026. You can learn more about the new revisions during the soon-to-be announced 2025 ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Partner Meeting Webinar Series.

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders who are working in the residential new construction market. We appreciate your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best regards,

The EPA's ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team

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