



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Roof Products Brand Owners or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to remind you of pending changes to the ENERGY STAR Roof Products Specification and their implications. In 2013, EPA finalized ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 of the Roof Products Specification and Test Method for Roof Products: Maintenance of Solar Reflectance (Rev. July-2017). As of **July 1, 2017** new testing requirements become effective that ensure roofs are tested in the most representative manner and allow for fair comparison across many different technologies. Under the Version 3.0 specification, products will be tested in three climate zones and use the average across these zones, producing a more representative performance value that takes into account aged reflectance value variances.

#### **Transition Timeline and Next Steps**

EPA shares its Partners' desire for a smooth transition from one ENERGY STAR specification version to the next with the objective of meeting end user expectations that ENERGY STAR labeled products fully meet the latest requirements in effect upon their date of manufacture. With this in mind, EPA has established the following timeline:

- Beginning **January 1, 2017**, CBs will be asked to stop certifying new product submittals to existing ENERGY STAR Version 2.3 specification requirements. Note, however, that existing certifications to Version 2.2 and 2.3 will remain valid for the purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification until July 1, 2017.
- As of **July 1, 2017**, any product manufactured and labeled as ENERGY STAR must meet the Version 3.0 requirements. At this time, all certifications of products to the Version 2.3 specification will be invalid for the purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification and CBs will only submit product models certified to Version 3.0 to EPA.

#### **Third-party Certification**

As a reminder, all products must be third-party certified to remain ENERGY STAR qualified. Partners may use existing test data from EPA recognized labs for certification to version 3.0.

**EPA strongly encourages Partners to submit their products for certification to qualified certification bodies as soon possible. Waiting until the last minute may result in certification bodies being overwhelmed with certification requests and a resulting delay in having products certified and listed on the ENERGY STAR web site.**

EPA looks forward to working with you as you certify and market your ENERGY STAR roof products. All stakeholder comments, draft and final versions of the Version 3.0 Roof Specification, and related materials are available on the ENERGY STAR website at [www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs](http://www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs) under the link for "Roofs."

Please direct any specific questions to Steve Ryan, EPA, at [Ryan.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Ryan.Steven@epa.gov) and (202) 343-9123.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve J. Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Steve Ryan  
ENERGY STAR Roof Products Program Manager