



As an ENERGY STAR trainer, there's a lot to look forward to in 2014. This email is the first in a series of monthly updates you'll receive this year, giving you advance notice about new ENERGY STAR resources, continued upgrades to Portfolio Manager, and future quarterly ENERGY STAR Trainer meetings.

You play a key role in educating the public about the ENERGY STAR program, so we want to make sure you're armed with the latest information and resources to support your great work

This month, we'd like to tell you about a number of upcoming and exciting new program resources.

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- 1. Updated Licensed Professional's Guide:** In April, EPA released an updated Guide for Licensed Professionals. This guide outlines the process for verifying applications for ENERGY STAR certification, and includes a description of a new spot audit process instituted by EPA. The process is intended to protect the integrity of the ENERGY STAR brand, and to ensure that only buildings with superior energy performance carry the ENERGY STAR certification. The updated guide is available at <http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/tools-and-resources/energy-star-guide-licensed-professionals>
- 2. New website for ENERGY STAR trainers:** In early summer, EPA will launch a private website just for ENERGY STAR trainers. This is where you will find a library of the most recent versions of special trainer materials, such as annotated slide decks, graphics, and videos, for your use. Here you'll also be able to ask questions, provide feedback to EPA, and invite friends and colleagues to the community. Look for a special invitation to the site in the coming weeks!
- 3. Animated Portfolio Manager demonstration videos:** In early summer, EPA will add a collection of 5-minute animated Portfolio Manager demonstration videos to our training website (www.energystar.gov/buildings/training). These videos are perfect for people looking to get started benchmarking quickly and cover how to set up a property, how to set up energy and water meters, and how to respond to data requests. Future videos will cover reporting and sharing functionalities, among other topics. We plan to share these videos with you prior to their public release on our website so you can watch, use, and share!

4. 15th Anniversary of ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings & Plants: 2014 marks the 15th anniversary of the very first building to earn EPA's ENERGY STAR. Since then, more than 23,000 buildings and plants of all types have received the nation's most well-known mark of superior energy efficiency. To celebrate this exciting milestone, we're going to be shining an extra-bright spotlight on the "Class of 2014." Become part of this celebration by helping buildings with a score of 75 or higher apply for certification by November of this year. We have lots of fun activities planned, some new and special ways to get recognition, and, as always, we'll be sharing tools and tips to help organizations benefit from all the good publicity. More to come at www.energystar.gov/buildings

We plan to resume our quarterly Trainer Community meetings in September. In the meantime, please look for monthly email updates from us about program activities and resources, as well as future opportunities to connect and network with EPA and fellow trainers.

Until then, please direct any questions to www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp. You can also tweet and follow us at #EnergyStarBldgs.

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