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Dear ENERGY STAR Stakeholder,

EPA thanks all our stakeholders who reviewed and provided comments on the [ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Program Roadmap / Framework Document](#). The document consisted of three important proposed initiatives to advance and expand the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction programs to keep pace with advancing building energy codes, foster a clean energy economy, and further reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the residential sector.

EPA is continuing to review and evaluate comments received on the proposed Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) National Version 3.2 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) National Version 1.2 program requirements, as well as the proposed new *Next Generation* program. However, in the interest of providing partners with the maximum amount of time to prepare for the national transition to Single-Family v3.1/Multifamily v1.1, EPA is establishing and announcing the timeline for this important program change now.

Transition Timeline

- **Single-Family:** In states where Version 3.0 of the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes National Program Requirements is still in effect, homes permitted on or after **January 1, 2023** will be required to meet [Version 3.1](#).
- **Multifamily:** In states where Version 1.0 of the ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction National Program Requirements is still in effect, buildings permitted on or after **January 1, 2024** using the Prescriptive or ERI Paths will be required to meet [Version 1.1](#); and those using the ASHRAE Path will be required to meet a performance target baseline of ASHRAE 90.1-2010 or later.

While a majority of stakeholders expressed support for the national transition to v3.1/v1.1, a number of commenters raised concerns regarding the proposed transition timeline for multifamily homes and apartments, particularly in the affordable housing sector, due to funding approval schedules and the shorter timespan that MFNC Version 1.0 has been in effect in the market. Allowing an extended transition period for multifamily projects was recommended by many commenters.

Note that there is no change for homes and apartments built in locations where SFNH Version 3.1, MFNC Version 1.1, or a regional program requirement is already in effect.

EPA expects to provide additional details for stakeholders regarding the other two elements of

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the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Programs Roadmap / Framework Document early in 2022. As always, we thank you for your continued interest in and support of the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Programs.

Best regards,
The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team

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