

**Version Tracking Document for
ENERGY STAR Certified Homes, Program Requirements for the State of California, Revision 04
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In the time since the Version 3 ENERGY STAR New Homes guidelines for the state of California were released, EPA has modified, clarified and refined various aspects of the program documents. This document is a summary of these edits. EPA has also posted the revised program documents, labeled (Rev. 04) on its Web site at www.energystar.gov/newhomesguidelines.

All revisions are categorized as a Change, Clarification, or Refinement. These are defined as follows:

Change – The addition, deletion, or modification of a program requirement. A change will typically result from a partner question or feedback indicating that EPA’s original intent is not being met or due to changes in relevant standards (e.g., ENERGY STAR labeled product requirements, NAECA standards, ICC codes). A change is the most significant type of edit for partners because it is likely to change the way that partners comply with the program.

Clarification – The clarification of a program requirement, typically resulting from a partner question indicating confusion or ambiguity. Clarifications are not intended to significantly change the scope of the program guidelines, but rather to clarify the original intent of the requirement. A clarification is secondary in importance to a change; it should not significantly alter the way that most partners comply with the program.

Refinement – A minor revision, such as an improved choice of words, a grammatical correction, or a correction to a typographical error. A refinement is the least important type of edit; it should have no impact on the way that partners comply with the program.

California ENERGY STAR Version 3 Guidelines

1. **Refinement - Exhibit 1: Redundant Section header and accompanying text removed**

To eliminate redundancy, the Section header (i.e., “Mandatory Requirements for All ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes”) and accompanying text (i.e., “All ENERGY STAR Qualified New Homes must meet the requirements of the checklists in Exhibit 1”) have been removed.

2. **Change – Exhibit 1 & Footnote 10: Removal of Indoor airPLUS Checklist as compliance option**

Because all ENERGY STAR certified homes must complete the Water Management System Builder Checklist regardless of the home’s participation in the Indoor airPLUS program, the phrase “(or Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist)” has been removed from Exhibit 1 as has Footnote 10, which describes how to use an Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist as an alternative to the Water Management System Builder Checklist.

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3. **Refinement - Exhibit 1: Redundant Section header and accompanying text removed**

To eliminate redundancy, the Section header (i.e., “Mandatory Requirements for All ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes”) and accompanying text (i.e., “All ENERGY STAR Qualified New Homes must meet the requirements of the checklists in Exhibit 1”) have been removed.

4. **Change - Exhibit 1 & Footnote 8: Removal of Indoor airPLUS Checklist as compliance option**

Because all ENERGY STAR certified homes must complete the Water Management System Builder Checklist regardless of the home’s participation in the Indoor airPLUS program, the phrase “(or Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist)” has been removed from Exhibit 1 as has Footnote 8, which describes how to use an Indoor airPLUS Verification Checklist as an alternative to the Water Management System Builder Checklist.