



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### Dear California Stakeholders,

In response to California's more stringent 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, EPA is proposing new versions of the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Program Requirements for California: Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) Version 3.4 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) Version 1.4. To view the draft program requirements visit the [ENERGY STAR website](#).

The primary change in these proposed new versions is to increase overall program stringency by updating the performance target:

- For the SFNH program the following two options are proposed:
  1. A Compliance Margin (EDR2)  $\geq 10\%$  above 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, or,
  2. An Efficiency EDR  $\geq 5$  points above 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards
- For the MFNC program, a Compliance Margin (TDV)  $\geq 10\%$  above 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards is proposed.

Mandatory features (i.e., the national program checklists) are proposed to remain unchanged relative to the current program requirements in California.

In addition, EPA is proposing to revise its policy for determining which version of the program must be used to certify homes and apartments, to be based on a home's or building's permit date and the edition of code being enforced by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

### **Webinar: ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction - Proposed California Program Requirements Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00-1:00 pm PDT (3:00-4:00 pm EDT)**

To learn more, please join the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team for a webinar that will introduce the proposed new versions, review the revised implementation policy, explain the process and timeline for providing stakeholder feedback, and answer questions.

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A four-week stakeholder feedback period commences today, March 15<sup>th</sup>, ending April 12<sup>th</sup>. EPA values the feedback of our ENERGY STAR partners and other program stakeholders and will consider all feedback received during the comment period. Please submit written comments on any aspect of the proposals to [energystarhomes@energystar.gov](mailto:energystarhomes@energystar.gov) using the Stakeholder Comment Form provided on the [ENERGY STAR website](#). Note that all submitted comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR website.

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders working in the residential new construction market in California.

Best Regards,  
ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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