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ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PARTNER MEETING

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ENERGY STAR and Verification Oversight: A Brief Timeline

- **1995-2007:** “Handshake Agreement” between EPA & RESNET governing oversight of Home Energy Raters involved in ENERGY STAR certification
- **2008-2011:** First Verification Oversight Organization (VOO) application development
 - Established formal roles and responsibilities
 - Set eligibility criteria (non-profit, national scope)
- **2011:** RESNET formally recognized as a VOO
 - Additional applications received, none approved
- **2017:** EPA first approached regarding ISO 17065 eligibility
- **2018:** Request for Information (RFI) to stakeholders on expanding eligibility to ISO 17065
- **2019:** Development of draft revised VOO application, stakeholder comments received
- **Current:** EPA developing revised 2nd draft application

Revised VOO Application: Overview of Feedback

- Concerns about EPA creating an un-level playing field
 - Requiring full 17065 accreditation while still allowing non-profit eligibility
- Concerns about inconsistencies across VOOs
 - Costs and methodologies
 - Especially regarding organizations implementing 17065 vs. those that do not
- Concerns about references to privately-held standards, processes, and publications

Revised 2nd Draft Application: What to Expect

- Significantly updated document!
- Insights gained from WaterSense's Version 2 Home Certification System draft
 - Increased emphasis on certification process vs. verification oversight alone
 - HCO vs. VOO
- Modified eligibility criteria and policies sections
 - Silent on Non-profit and ISO 17065 status
 - Incorporation, Independent Governance, National Scope, Staffing & Expertise
 - Business Code of Ethics, Impartiality/COI, Non-discrimination
- Increased reliance on application/requirements, rather than external sources and statuses
 - Less about who you are; more about what you do
- Removal of references to privately-held standards, processes, and publications
 - DOE-approved software allowed
 - No specific MINHERS references
- Provision for EPA audits of policies, certification records, site visits
- Release in mid-October(?) for a 60-day comment period
- Final version available for use early 2020(?)

Questions/Comments?