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**General**

1. Do you have any general feedback on EPA’s proposed enhancements to the ENERGY STAR Certification System’s Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC) requirements?

[Add comments]

1. Can you foresee any unintended consequences from implementing any of these elements?

[Add comments]

1. Are there significant implementation challenges for any proposed elements that EPA needs to consider?

[Add comments]

1. Do you have suggestions for additional or alternative measures that could provide the same or more benefits that EPA should consider?

[Add comments]

**Centralized collection of ENERGY STAR checklist data in HCO database**

1. For the sake of consistency, when digital data collection software is used by Raters to complete the ENERGY STAR checklists, should EPA require that it be based on an EPA-created data schema/stylesheet and/or should EPA require HCOs to operate a review and approval process for such software to ensure ENERGY STAR checklists are accurately translated to digital formats?

[Add comments]

1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

[Add comments]

**Centralized Collection of Rater Photos in HCO Database**

1. Beyond photos of installed checklist measure, are there other photos that would provide significant QAQC value, such as elevation photos or Rater ‘selfies’ during the on-site inspections?

[Add comments]

1. How should HCOs address situations where mandatory photos are unavailable, for example due to accidental data loss?

[Add comments]

1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

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**Formalized List of Automated Validations in Approved Rating Software and Databases**

1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

[Add comments]

**Printing ENERGY STAR Certificates and Labels Exclusively in Approved Rating Software**

1. Do partners find value in the ENERGY STAR label sticker and what is your reaction to the concept of eliminating the sticker, making it optional, and/or replacing it with a preprinted QR-code format that would link to a web address lookup?

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1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

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**Performing Quality Control of Installed Features During File Review Step**

1. Is it practical for QC reviewers to complete File Review activities prior to the time of certification?

[Add comments]

1. If not, are there concrete reasons the File Review could not at least be completed within 10 business days of certification?

[Add comments]

1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

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**Adding “Skills and Knowledge” Check as Purpose of Field Evaluations**

1. Are the proposed minimum rates of Field Evaluation appropriate to ensure Raters maintain adequate skills and knowledge of the latest policies, protocols, and program requirements?

[Add comments]

1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

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**Layering On HCO Direct (Non-Delegated) Quality Control Review**

1. Is the rate of 0.5% HCO direct File Review an appropriate and practical frequency given that the scope is a detailed human review?

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1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

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**Requiring Builders to Facilitate HCO Site Visits**

1. What issues (e.g., legal, liability, scheduling) do builder partners foresee with HCO personnel directly arranging site visits and how can those considerations be addressed?

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1. Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

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