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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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February 23, 2021

Dear ENERGY STAR Windows, Doors and Skylights (WDS) Brand Owners,

On November 19, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented conditional restrictions on the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) related to NFRC's ENERGY STAR verification testing obligations for 2020. Specifically, EPA indicated that new ENERGY STAR certifications would no longer be recognized after March 1, 2021 if all required testing was not completed by that date.

**In light of NFRC's progress in meeting the March 1, 2021 deadline, EPA will not implement a hold on new ENERGY STAR certifications from NFRC at this time.** EPA will continue to monitor all certification and verification organizations with an expectation that annual verification testing requirements are completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Brand owner partners should respond promptly when contacted by your Certification Body for ENERGY STAR verification testing. Please contact Brian Krausz ([Krausz.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Krausz.Brian@epa.gov), 202-564-3069) of my staff with any questions about this action.

Thank you,

Ann Bailey, Chief  
ENERGY STAR Labeling Branch  
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