



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



Dear Pacific Stakeholders,

In response to Hawaii's more stringent energy code, EPA is proposing a new version of the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) program requirements for use in Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, called Pacific Version 3.2, for homes permitted on or after January 1, 2026. The proposed new version defines separate requirements for homes based on the percentage of occupied space that is air conditioned:

- For homes that have $\leq 50\%$ air-conditioned occupied space: Prescriptive efficiency measures, regional Rater checklists, and the completion of an ERI rating will be required. Note that one of the proposed prescriptive measures is an efficient air conditioner serving bedrooms, meaning that homes will be required to be partly conditioned to be certified.
- For homes that have $> 50\%$ air-conditioned occupied space: National Version 3.2 of the program will be required.

In addition, EPA is proposing to require use of the ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction National Version 1.2 program requirements in these locations for multifamily buildings permitted on or after January 1, 2027.

A 10-day stakeholder feedback period commences today, December 6th, and ends on December 15th. Please visit the [Stakeholder Feedback](#) webpage to access the stakeholder feedback form, slides from a webinar on December 6th about the proposed new version, and other resources.

EPA values the feedback of our ENERGY STAR partners and other program stakeholders and will consider all feedback received during the comment period.

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

Best regards,

The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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