

Dear Provider Partners,

The reporting period to submit ENERGY STAR certified homes and apartments is open. Please log in to your <u>My ENERGY</u> <u>STAR Account (MESA)</u> and click the link to EPA's "Homes Online Submission Tool (HOST)" found in the Tools tab to verify and submit homes and apartments that were certified during the 4th quarter (October - December) of 2021 <u>no later than</u> <u>1/31/2022</u>.

Office Hours:

ENERGY STAR program support contractors are available to walk you through the new reporting process with your 4th quarter 2021 ENERGY STAR and Indoor airPLUS certified homes and apartments, and to help troubleshoot any potential issues. Join us for live, virtual "office hours" via GoToWebinar on Thursdays throughout January.

The team will be available and on-the-line:

- Thursday, January 20th from 1:00-2:00pm ET
- Thursday, January 27th from 1:00-2:00pm ET

Key Notes for Q4 2021 Reporting:

- **Technical Improvements** EPA plans to release the following HOST improvements this quarter:
 - **Group Matching** This will allow Providers to select multiple records and make a bulk edit (e.g., Providers will be able to select all 50 records for an 'Unmatched' builder and 'Match' all records at once.)
 - **Sorting & Filtering** HOST sorting and filter logic has been updated to allow Providers to sort and filter the data by builder name, rater name, and matching status.
 - **Pagination** HOST has been updated to allow Providers to select how many records they would like to appear on a page. This should decrease load times for Providers with large datasets.
- **Indoor airPLUS** Indoor airPLUS labeled homes and apartments will be reported through a different process outside of HOST as issues related to how these homes are identified in the rating software are corrected. **If you have Indoor**

airPLUS labeled homes and apartments to report for Q4 2021, please contact the Indoor airPLUS team at <u>Indoor airPLUS@epa.gov</u> for additional instructions.

- **Provider Reminders** Please note that any updates or deletions made to home reports outside of the current reporting period <u>will not</u> be automatically captured by HOST. Syncing with the Registry will end on <u>1/31/2022</u>. Also, any updates or deletions made to home reports in HOST by Providers during the current reporting period <u>are not</u> automatically captured by the RESNET Registry. Providers will need to also make these updates or deletions in the Registry.
- REM/Rate A glitch may prevent builder names from being uploaded to the Registry when using REM/Rate v15.8. Please have raters upgrade to the latest version of REM/Rate before submitting ENERGY STAR homes and apartments to the Registry.
- **Builder List** The <u>Eligible ENERGY STAR Builder List</u> contains the official name of every ENERGY STAR builder Partner. To avoid having to make matching updates in HOST, please use the Eligible ENERGY STAR Builder List to cross-reference with the builder names in your home reports.

Thank you again for your continued patience and understanding as we work to provide you with a smooth experience in the new reporting system.

If you are not able to access HOST and submit your 4th quarter certified homes and apartments by 1/31/2022, or need assistance, please contact us immediately at <u>energystarhomes@energystar.gov</u> or <u>Indoor_airPLUS@epa.gov</u>. We look forward to receiving your 4th quarter reports.

Sincerely,

EPA's ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction and Indoor airPLUS teams

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