



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Partner,

Historically, the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SNFH) program has allowed homes to be certified to earn the ENERGY STAR label using a sampling protocol. Sampling allows as few as one in seven homes to be randomly selected for inspection rather than a Rater inspecting each home for compliance with all program requirements.

When first conceived, the sampling allowance was designed, in part, to broaden the reach of the ENERGY STAR program. Today, however, the use of sampling is prevalent only in a single market (Arizona), and outside of that state, more than 95% of single-family certifications in 2022 were based on individual inspections of each home.

Because the data indicate that the national market at large has moved to individual inspections of homes, EPA believes it is appropriate to sunset the use of sampling for the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes program.

**To provide greater assurance that all program requirements have been met in every certified home, EPA is proposing to sunset the allowance to use sampling inspection protocols in the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes program for homes permitted on or after 01/01/2025.**

Further, townhouses will not be allowed to use sampling inspection protocols, even when certified using the ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) program. However, all other building types eligible to be certified using the ENERGY STAR MFNC program will continue to be permitted to use sampling inspection protocols.

A four-week stakeholder feedback period commences today, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and will end on August 8<sup>th</sup>. EPA values the feedback of our ENERGY STAR partners and other program stakeholders and will consider all feedback received during the comment period. Please submit written comments on any aspect of this proposal to [energystarhomes@energystar.gov](mailto:energystarhomes@energystar.gov) using the Stakeholder Comment Form provided on the [ENERGY STAR website](#). Note that all submitted comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR website.

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders who are working in the residential new construction market. We appreciate your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best regards,  
The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team

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