



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



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In response to California's more stringent 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, EPA proposed new versions of the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) Program Requirements for California. In addition, EPA proposed to extend the Home Certification Organization (HCO) construct to cover homes and apartments certified in California.

This email is to announce that EPA has finalized these proposals and appreciates feedback provided by program partners and other stakeholders. The draft proposals, all comments submitted by stakeholders, and EPA's responses to comments are posted on the [ENERGY STAR stakeholder feedback web](#) page.

1. **EPA has finalized the new program requirements for California, called SFNH California Version 3.3 and MFNC California Version 1.3, with an implementation date of January 1, 2023.**

Consistent with the Draft 1 proposal, the new program updates will maintain savings of at least 10% relative to California's more stringent 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. The final requirements have been posted on the [ENERGY STAR program requirements web page](#).

2. **EPA has finalized the extension of the Home Certification Organization oversight structure to California, beginning with homes and apartments certified using SFNH California Version 3.3 and MFNC California Version 1.3.**

Consistent with the Draft 1 proposal, EPA will require that raters work under the auspices of an HCO that has been recognized by EPA to operate in California when certifying homes and apartments to SFNH California Version 3.3 and MFNC California Version 1.3 (and later) using a dwelling unit modeling approach. EPA is actively working with oversight organizations in the state and nationally to ensure they are informed about the extension of the HCO requirement to California. Learn more about [Home Certification Organizations](#).

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact any member of the ENERGY STAR Residential programs team or send an email to [energystarhomes@energystar.gov](mailto:energystarhomes@energystar.gov).

Sincerely,  
ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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