



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



DEAR ENERGY STAR RESIDENTIAL PARTNER,

Since October 2021, EPA has engaged stakeholders on several important initiatives to advance the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction program requirements. This email is to announce that EPA has finalized two important new specifications for the program. EPA appreciates feedback provided by program partners and other stakeholders on these efforts. 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 new program requirements, called Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) National v3.2 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) National v1.2, for states that adopt the 2021 IECC or equivalent.**

Consistent with the Draft 2 proposal, the new requirements will maintain savings of at least 10% while advancing the thermal backstop to 100% of the 2021 IECC UA value in January 2025. An interim backstop of 105% of the 2021 IECC UA value will be provided for homes and apartments permitted prior to this date.

The final ENERGY STAR ERI Target Procedures have been posted on the [ENERGY STAR program requirements web page](#) so that EPA can begin working with rating software providers to support these new versions. The remaining final documents, consistent with the Draft 2 proposal, will be released with the next Revision of the program, anticipated this Fall.

2. **EPA has finalized the technical specifications for a new certification label that provides additional recognition for new homes & apartments that include efficient electric technologies and EV charging capability.**

EPA is beginning work on developing program infrastructure, guidance materials/resources, training, and marketing materials to support a launch of the new program, called ENERGY STAR NextGen Homes and Apartments, in 2023. The [technical specifications](#) are now posted for reference purposes; however, homes and apartments may not be certified until the program is launched next year.

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.

Sincerely,
ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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