

**Version Tracking Document for
ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes, Version 3 (Rev. 03)
03/25/2011**

In the time since Revision 02 of the Version 3 ENERGY STAR New Homes guidelines were released, EPA has modified, clarified and refined various aspects of the program documents, primarily in response to partner questions and comments. This document is a summary of these edits, organized by the program document containing the change. EPA has also posted the revised program documents, labeled Version 3 (Rev. 03), on its Web site at www.energystar.gov/homes.

All revisions are categorized as a Change, Clarification, or Refinement. These are defined as follows:

Change – The addition, deletion, or modification of a program requirement. A change will typically result from a partner question or feedback indicating that EPA’s original intent is not being met; a change in EPA’s intent is required; or due to changes in relevant standards (e.g., ENERGY STAR labeled product requirements, NAECA standards, IECC codes). A change is the most significant type of edit for partners because it is likely to change the way that partners comply with the program.

Clarification – The clarification of a program requirement, typically resulting from a partner question indicating confusion or ambiguity. Clarifications are not intended to significantly change the scope of the program guidelines, but rather to clarify the original intent of the requirement. A clarification is secondary in importance to a change; it should not significantly alter the way that most partners comply with the program. Items that are marked with an asterisk, “*”, are clarifications that did not require a change to the program documents.

Refinement – A minor change, such as an improved choice of words, a grammatical correction, or a correction to a typographical error. A refinement is the least important type of edit; it should have no impact on the way that partners comply with the program.

National Program Requirements

1. Change – Exhibit 4

The implementation schedule in Exhibit 4 has been revised to reflect the policy change released by EPA on March 25, 2011, which extended the qualification window of Version 2 until December 31, 2011 for all homes with a permit date before April 1, 2011. Furthermore, the footnote defining single-family homes and the footnote explaining the extended implementation timeline for units in multi-family buildings have been deleted. This is because single-family homes and units in multi-family buildings are now required to use the same implementation timeline for v2.

County-Level Reference Design Documents

- No revisions made.

Inspection Checklists

- No revisions made.

HERS Index Target Procedure

- No revisions made.