



ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Program Stakeholder,

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently issued [Notice 2023-65](#) which contained [guidance for taxpayers on the Section 45L New Energy Efficient Home Credit](#) as amended by the Inflation Reduction Act. To better align with this guidance related to [eligible ENERGY STAR program versions for the Section 45L New Energy Efficient Home Credit](#), EPA is adjusting the previously announced implementation timeline for the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) California Program Requirements, Version 3.4, and ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) California Program Requirements, Version 1.4.

ENERGY STAR SFNH California v3.4 and MFNC California v1.4 Revised Implementation Timeline:

Where the 2022 edition of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (BEES) is required by the AHJ:

- Homes permitted on or after **January 1, 2026**, are required to be certified using Version 3.4 of the SFNH California Program Requirements.
- Buildings permitted on or after **January 1, 2027**, are required to be certified using Version 1.4 of the MFNC California Program Requirements.

Note that this does not impact EPA's previously announced transition on January 1, 2025, to a new policy for determining which Version and Revision of the program requirements must be used to certify homes and buildings in California. As a reminder, for permits prior to this date, the Permit Date and Plan Approval Date are used to determine the applicable requirements, whereas after this date the Permit Date and Edition of the BEES Required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction will be used.

Please note that EPA's [ENERGY STAR SFNH Program Requirements](#) and [ENERGY STAR MFNC Program Requirements](#) webpage, as well as the program documents, will be updated with the release of the next Revision in November.

If you have any questions, please contact us at energystarhomes@energystar.gov.

Best regards,
The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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