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Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Partner,

As you may know, Virginia adopted a new residential energy efficiency code based upon the 2018 IECC, with enforcement beginning in July 2021. In states with more stringent codes such as Virginia, it is EPA's policy to implement Version 1.1 of the [ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction program](#) with an approximately one-year transition timeline. In the interest of providing an adequate transition period, even though the more stringent code is already in effect for these states, **multifamily buildings permitted on or after April 1, 2023, will be required to use Version 1.1 of the National ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction program requirements to be certified.**

As a reminder, single-family homes permitted on or after January 1, 2023 will be required to use Version 3.1 of the [ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes program requirements](#).

The Version 3.1 & Version 1.1 National Program Requirements were developed to ensure that the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes & Multifamily New Construction programs continue to deliver meaningful savings as states adopted the 2012 IECC or equivalently rigorous codes. The only difference between v3 & v3.1 and v1 & v1.1 is a more aggressive Energy Rating Index (ERI) target and, for the MFNC program, a more stringent prescriptive compliance path. All of the inspection checklists remain identical. Because these program versions are already in use in other states, partners can generate compliance reports for these versions in software rating tools today. Please note that incentive programs may require compliance with v3.1 or v1.1 prior to the implementation date above.

More information on Version 1.1 can be found [here](#).

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders who are working in the multifamily new construction market in Virginia.

Thanks for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best regards,
The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team

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