



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### DEAR ENERGY STAR RESIDENTIAL PARTNER,

In response to California's more stringent 2022 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 revise its policy for determining which version of the program must be used to certify homes and apartments, to be based on a home's or building's permit date and the edition of code being enforced by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

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 new program requirements for California, called SFNH California Version 3.4 and MFNC California Version 1.4, with an implementation date of January 1, 2024.** Consistent with the Draft 1 proposal, the new program updates will maintain savings of at least 10% relative to California's more stringent 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. The final requirements have been posted on the [ENERGY STAR program requirements web page](#).
2. **EPA has finalized a revised policy for determining which version of the program must be used, beginning with homes and apartments permitted on January 1, 2025.** Relative to the Draft 1 proposal, EPA will provide partners with more time to prepare for this new policy by extending the current approach for an additional year. Specifically, homes and apartments with a Plan Approval Date after January 1, 2024, will still be required to meet the new Versions, per the original proposal. However, the proposed new implementation policy (based on permit date and edition of code being enforced) will be effective for permits beginning January 1, 2025, rather than January 1, 2024.

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

We appreciate your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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