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## Dear ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Partner,

As you may know, Maine adopted a new residential energy efficiency code based upon the 2015 IECC, with enforcement beginning in July 2021. In states with more stringent codes such as Maine, it is EPA's policy to implement Version 3.1 of the [ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes 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, **homes permitted on or after October 1, 2022, will be required to use Version 3.1 of the National ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes program requirements to be certified.**

*The [ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction \(MFNC\) National Version 1.1 program requirements](#) are being implemented in states that have adopted the residential 2012, 2015, or 2018 IECC, or an equivalent code. **Multifamily buildings permitted on or after October 1, 2022, will be required to use Version 1.1 of the National ENERGY STAR Multifamily New Construction program requirements to be certified.***

The Version 3.1 National Program Requirements were developed in 2013 to ensure that the ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes program continued to deliver meaningful savings as states adopted the 2012 IECC or equivalently rigorous codes. The only difference between v3 and v3.1 is a more aggressive Energy Rating Index (ERI) target; all of the inspection checklists remain identical. Also, partners can generate v3.1 compliance reports within their software rating tools today, even for states that have yet to adopt v3.1. Please note that incentive programs may require compliance with v3.1 prior to the implementation date above.

More information on Version 3.1 can be found [here](#).

**You can learn more by joining the upcoming webinar, [Preparing for ENERGY STAR Version 3.1 in Maine](#), on Wednesday, October 20th, at 1pm EST. Click [here](#) to register.**

This webinar is designed to get partners up to speed with the Version 3.1 program requirements. It demonstrates how to run a v3.1 compliance report for any home, identifies key efficiency measures used to hit the v3.1 ENERGY STAR ERI Target, and reviews the v3.1 implementation timeline.

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders who are working in the new homes market in Maine.

Thanks for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best regards,  
The ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction team

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