

# What's Next with ENERGY STAR? A Program Update

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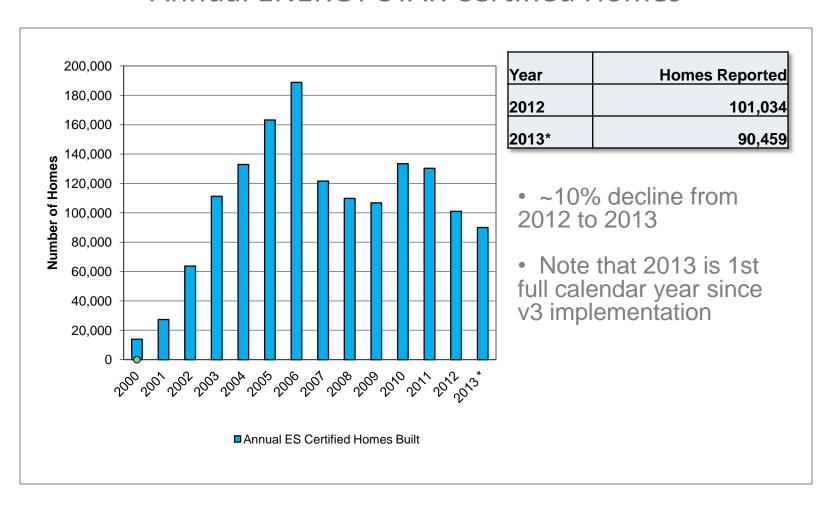


#### **Topics to Cover Today**

- 2013 ENERGY STAR program numbers
- Ongoing EPA/RESNET coordination areas
- Technical update
- Marketing update
- ENERGY STAR conference track overview

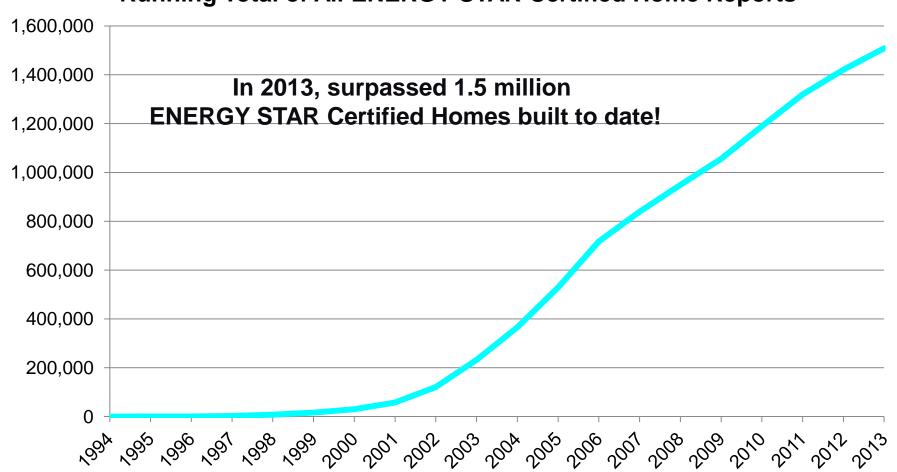


#### **Annual ENERGY STAR Certified Homes**



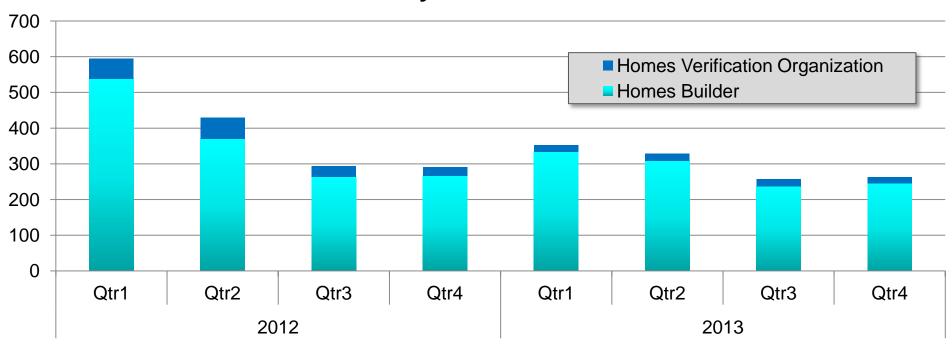


#### **Running Total of All ENERGY STAR Certified Home Reports**



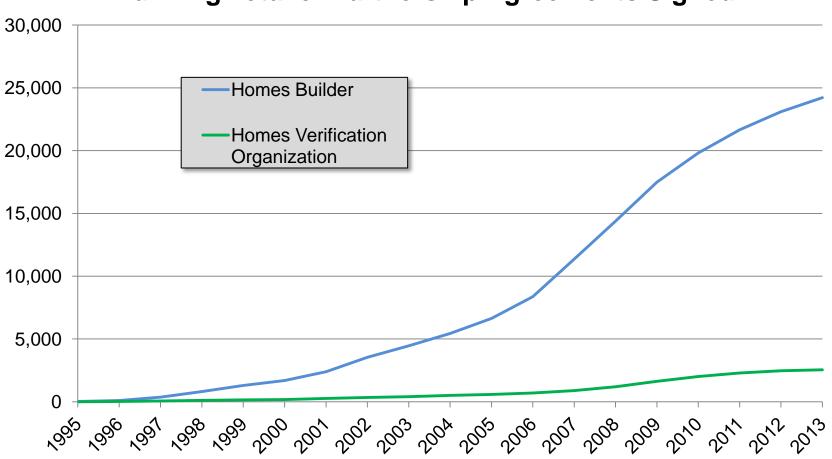


#### New Partners by Quarter: 2012 and 2013





#### **Running Total of Partnership Agreements Signed**



## Why do builders and raters continue to partner with ENERGY STAR?



- Homebuyers (and homebuilders) still know and trust the label
  - >87% Brand awareness
- EPA provides extensive technical support
  - Webinars (eligible for RESNET PD credit), program 'in-box' to ask questions, policy clarifications
- EPA offers great marketing materials
  - 'Better is Better' brochures, consumer videos, PSAs, on-line advertising
- Strong collaboration with partners
  - We share, we listen, we change, we inform



# Ongoing EPA/RESNET Coordination Areas

# Ongoing Coordination: Quality Assurance



- Quality assurance of individual ENERGY STAR Checklist items is now formally part of RESNET QAD requirements
  - Beyond simply verifying that a checklist was done
  - Covers items on the Thermal Enclosure and HVAC QI checklists
  - EPA and RESNET worked together to define process, identify critical QA items to check, and develop QA checklist
  - Effective January, 2014
- Cooperatively developed on-line training for QAD's on new requirements
  - Mandatory for QAD's doing QA for ENERGY STAR certified homes
  - CE creditable
  - Fielding now

# Ongoing Coordination: Scholarship Program



- Encourages small, minority, and women-owned businesses to get involved in residential energy efficiency industry
- EPA and RESNET collaborated on developing scholarship program structure and eligibility requirements
- Both organizations provide funding for the effort
- Scholarship funds can be used for training, certification/accreditation fees, equipment, conference registration, etc.
- Officially launching this week!

# Ongoing Coordination: Multi-family Buildings



- Improving energy efficiency in multi-family buildings is a key part of the President's Climate Action Plan
- EPA and RESNET are collaborating to enhance engagement in this sector:
  - Joint Multi-family Working Group to clarify and expand RESNET's technical guidance for rating services provided in the MF sector
  - Providing additional guidance to Raters who want to provide verification services to help MF buildings earn the ENERGY STAR label

## Ongoing Coordination: Technical Standards and other Committees



- EPA staff continue to be active in several RESNET committees and work groups:
  - Standards Development Committee 300
  - Quality Assurance Committee
  - The newly-formed Quality Improvement Taskforce and Working Group





### **Technical Update**







### #<u>1</u> Version 3.1

#### Version 3.1



- Rationale for..
- Key components of...
- Implementation timeline for..



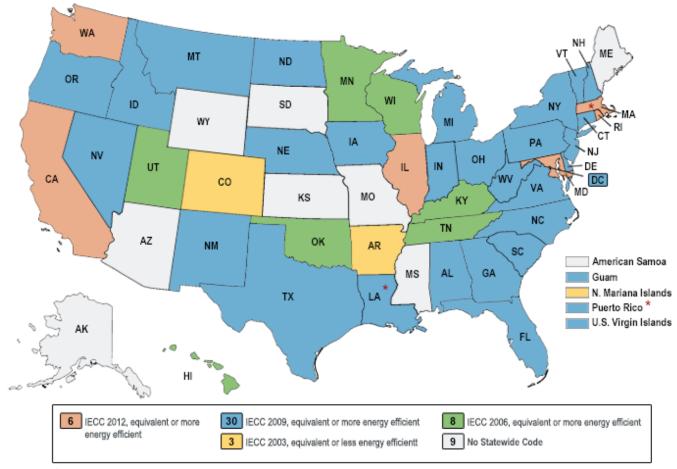
#### Rationale for Version 3.1

- Codes continue to evolve rapidly:
  - 2006 IECC is equally stringent to codes from 1998;
  - 2009 IECC is ~15% more efficient than 2006 IECC;
  - 2012 IECC is ~15% more efficient than 2009 IECC;
  - 2015 IECC is about the same as the 2012 IECC\*.
    - \* Except for that new HERS compliance path.

#### **Rationale for Version 3.1**



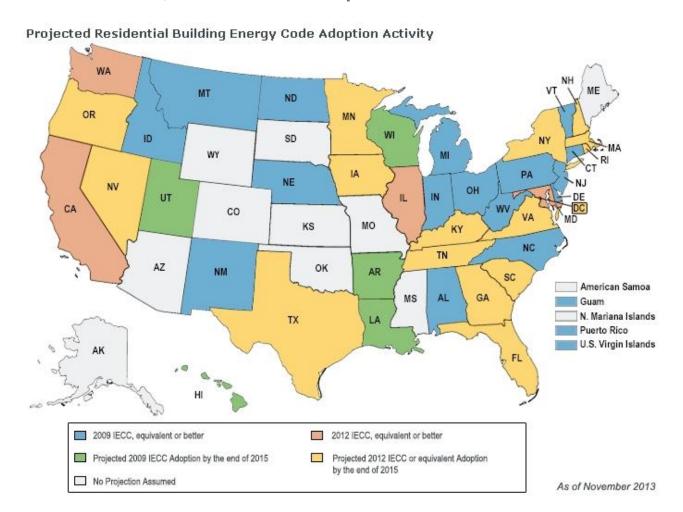
• 31 states now at 2009 IECC; 6 states now at 2012 IECC







• By end of 2015, 19 states expected to be at 2012 IECC





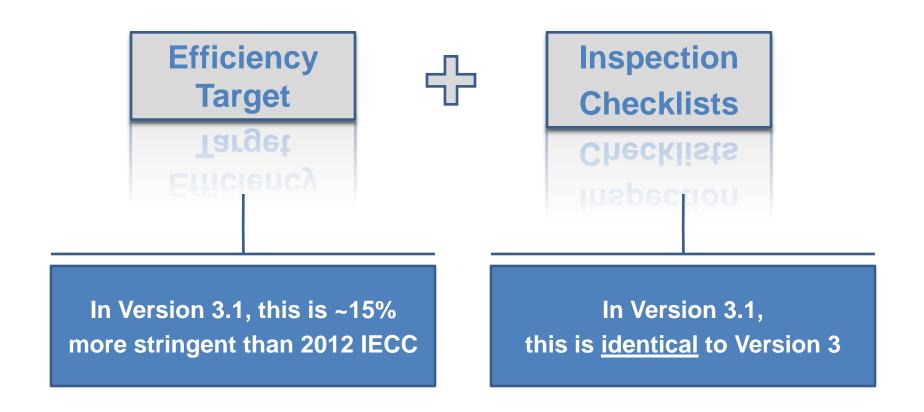


- Ensure program continues to deliver meaningful savings in states with 2012 IECC.
- Developing v3.1 <u>state-specific</u> program requirements is resource intensive & complex for partners (e.g., MA, FL).
- Instead, developing v3.1 <u>national</u> program requirements is more resource efficient and clearer for partners.
- At the same time, Version 3 is still a challenge for many partners. Therefore, want to make transition to v3.1 as painless as possible.



#### **Key components of Version 3.1**

Two key components to program requirements:







- The more stringent efficiency target is achievable using 'off-the-shelf' technologies. Key changes include:
  - Lower infiltration rates; and,
  - Better windows & doors; and,
  - More efficient HVAC equipment; and,
  - Ducts in conditioned space; and,
  - More efficient lighting.
- No new mandatory requirements in the Performance Path,
   but ENERGY STAR HERS index target in the range of ~55-65.

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#### Quiz

- How many new <u>mandatory</u> measures does v3.1 have?
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#### **Key components of Version 3.1**

• Mandatory requirements in the 2012 IECC improve the cost effectiveness of Version 3.1 relative to Version 3.

## ENERGY STAR v3.1 vs 2012 IECC Home Illustrative Cost & Savings Summary

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#	cz	Location	Found.	H <b>VA</b> C Equipment T <b>y</b> pe	Annual Purchased Energy Costs	Annual Purchased Energy Costs	Energy Up		Total Upgrade Cost	Monthly Purchased Energy Savings	Monthly Mortgage Upgrade Cost	Net Cash Flow
1	1	Miami, FL	Slab	Ele c. Air-Source HP	\$1,799	\$1,472	\$327	18%	\$1,761	\$27	\$9	\$18
2	_1_	Miami, FL	Slab	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$1,638	\$1,307	\$331	20%	\$1,758	\$28	<b>\$</b> 9	\$18
3	2	Tampa, FL	Slab	Ele c. Air-Source HP	\$1,799	\$1,480	\$319	18%	\$1,667	\$27	\$9	\$18
4	2	Tampa, FL	Slab	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$1,618	\$1,292	\$327	20%	\$1,664	\$27	<b>\$</b> 9	<b>\$</b> 18
5	3	Fort Worth, TX	Slab	Ele c. Air-Source HP	\$2,021	\$1,594	\$427	21%	\$1,571	\$36	\$8	\$27
6	3	Fort Worth, TX	Slab	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$1,728	\$1,369	\$359	21%	\$1,964	\$30	\$11	<b>\$</b> 19
7	4	St. Louis, MO	Bsmt.	Ele c. Air-Source HP	\$2,451	\$1,902	\$550	22%	\$1,670	\$46	<b>\$</b> 9	\$37
8	4	St. Louis, MO	Bsmt.	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$1,869	\$1,488	\$381	20%	\$1,780	\$32	\$10	\$22
9	5	Indianapolis , IN	Bsmt.	Ele c. Air-Source HP	\$2,573	\$1,931	\$641	25%	\$1,721	<b>\$</b> 53	<b>\$</b> 9	\$44
10	5	Indianapolis , IN	Bsmt.	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$1,882	\$1,480	\$402	21%	\$1,721	\$33	<b>\$</b> 9	\$24
11	6	Burlington, VT	Bsmt.	Ele c. Air-Source HP	\$2,967	\$2,189	\$778	26%	\$1,797	\$65	\$10	\$55
12	6	Burlington, VT	Bsmt.	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$1,992	\$1,560	\$432	22%	\$1,721	\$36	\$9	\$27
13	7	Duluth, MN	Bsmt.	Gas Furance / Elec. AC	\$2,184	\$1,671	\$512	23%	\$1,721	\$43	\$9	\$33



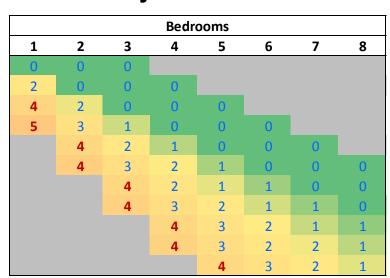
#### **Key components of Version 3.1**

 Size Adjustment Factor remains, but smaller impact, because <u>all</u> homes are doing more in terms of efficiency.

Sample Version 3
Size Adjustment Factor

House	Bedrooms										
Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
1000	0	0	0								
1600	7	0	0	0							
2200	11	5	0	0	0						
2800	14	8	4	0	0	0					
3400		10	6	3	0	0	0				
4000		12	8	5	2	0	0	0			
4600			10	7	4	2	0	0			
5200			12	9	6	4	2	0			
5800				10	7	5	3	2			
6400				11	9	7	5	3			
7000					10	8	6	4			

Sample Version 3.1 Size Adjustment Factor







- For the foreseeable future, <u>only</u> enforce Version 3.1 in states that adopt the 2012 IECC.
- For states that <u>have not</u> yet adopted the 2012 IECC, Version 3.1 enforced for homes permitted starting one year <u>after</u> state-level implementation of 2012 IECC.
- For example: state ABC adopts the 2012 IECC, and enforcement begins 01/01/2015. One year after that is 01/01/2016. Homes permitted on or after 01/01/2016 would be certified using v3.1.
- This policy allows builders to focus on complying with the new code first and then ramping up to our new program requirements afterwards.





- For most states, when will v3.1 be implemented?
  - Tonight at midnight.
  - EPA will use a dartboard to decide for each state.
  - Homes permitted one year after state-level implementation of the 2012 IECC.





- For states that <u>have</u> adopted the 2012 IECC:
  - For IL, MD, and RI, enforce the Version 3.1 national program requirements for homes permitted starting 04/01/2015.
  - For CA and WA, region-specific program requirements will be developed and maintained.
  - For MA, EPA is proposing to transition to the Version 3.1 national program requirements with implementation for homes permitted starting 01/01/2015.
  - For FL, v3.1 state-level program requirements are already being enforced. However, we intend to engage stakeholders about transitioning to the v3.1 national program requirements.



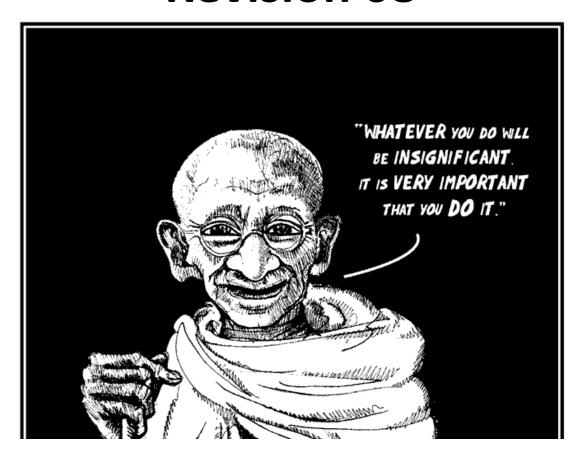
#### **Summary**

- The main rationale for v3.1 national program requirements is to maintain meaningful savings in states that adopt the 2012 IECC.
- The change is intended to be as painless as possible for partners, using lessons learned from Version 3.
- Key components of v3.1 include a more stringent efficiency target, checklists that are identical to v3, and a smaller Size Adjustment Factor. No new mandatory measures.
- For the foreseeable future, Version 3.1 will only be implemented in states that have adopted the 2012 IECC, or equivalent.





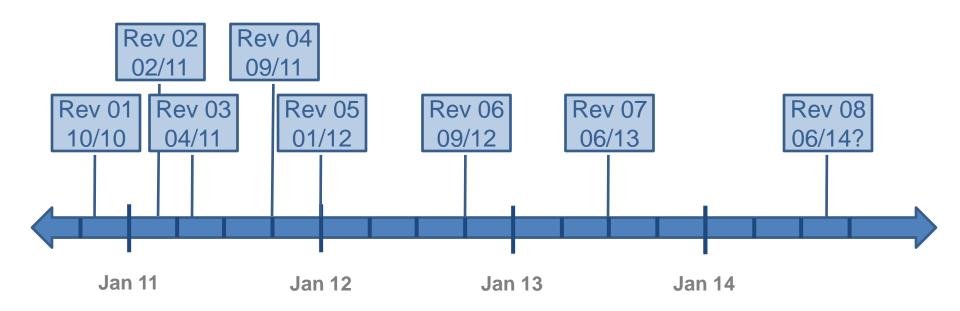
### #2 Revision 08





#### **Purpose & timing of Revisions**

- Driven by partner feedback.
- Goal is to make program clearer, simpler, and better.
- Time between revisions is growing:







### #3 HVAC, HVAC, HVAC





#### HVAC, HVAC, HVAC

Continue to refine HVAC program requirements.





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• Develop better guidance for builders.



#### HVAC, HVAC, HVAC

Streamline and standardize Manual J & S software report.





 Additional training resources – presentations, videos, selfserve content, and standards.







### #4 Partner Support



#### **Partner Support**

- 14 free technical webinars with over 1,000 attendees.
- Approximately 120 partner questions answered in the last year.
- Outreach to and coordinate with our partners, RESNET, ACCA, ASHRAE, and others to move the industry forward together.