



Stakeholder Comment Form: Proposal to Sunset Sampling for ENERGY STAR Single-Family New Homes and All Townhouses

Please submit written comments to energystarhomes@energystar.gov no later than August 8, 2023, using this template. Please note that all submitted comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR website.

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Comments:

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- 1) Will the proposal to sunset the use of sampling for homes permitted on or after January 1, 2025 provide sufficient time for partners to prepare to individually inspect homes?

This time appears to be reasonable

- 2) Do you foresee any unintended consequences that may result from this policy proposal?

Sampling of townhomes may be included as defined by the MFNC standards. When certified under the SFNH program, sampling should follow the sampling protocols in place for SFNHs at the time of permitting.

- 3) Do you have additional general feedback on this topic?

Sampling should be limited to controls to be sampled to performance testing to include infiltration, duct and ventilation. This still allows for rewarding of good behavior/installations while allowing inspection processes to be streamlined and still beneficial to the stakeholders.

This proposal is being issued on behalf of the Standards Committee of the Northeast Home Energy Rating System Alliance, which represents more than 260 Raters and 11 Providers from New Jersey to Maine.