



# ENERGY STAR® for Windows, Doors, and Skylights

## Program Update for NFRC Fall Committee Week

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## Program Update Topics

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# ENERGY STAR Version 6

## **As of Jan 1, 2015:**

- Doors and Skylight criteria fully implemented
- NC, SC, and S window criteria implemented
- Installation instruction criteria implemented
- Air leakage criteria implemented
- Updated product labeling criteria implemented

## **On Jan 1, 2016:**

- Northern Zone Criteria will be implemented



# Verification Testing (IVP)

## Program reminders:

- NFRC is testing 10% of ENERGY STAR product lines in 2015
  - Please keep ENERGY STAR product line selections up-to-date
- NFRC reports manufacturers to EPA for certain non-performance related issues:
  - ENERGY STAR label must be placed on all products according the program requirements
  - Installation instructions must be readily available
  - Manufacturers must respond to NFRC requests in a timely manner



## Most Efficient 2016 for Windows

- Most Efficient criteria will remain unchanged in 2016

| Climate Zone  | U-factor    | SHGC        |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Northern      | $\leq 0.20$ | $\geq 0.20$ |
| North-Central | $\leq 0.20$ | $\leq 0.40$ |
| South-Central | $\leq 0.20$ | $\leq 0.25$ |
| Southern      | $\leq 0.20$ | $\leq 0.25$ |

- Full criteria found at: [www.energystar.gov/mostefficient](http://www.energystar.gov/mostefficient)
- EPA is working with DOE to consider criteria for products with automated dynamic glazing beginning in 2017



# Stakeholder Feedback

- Following the December 2014 meeting, EPA received written feedback from 12 industry stakeholders
  - This feedback is published on the ENERGY STAR website
  - Key issues raised by stakeholders outlined on the next slide
- EPA remains committed to collaboration with industry and transparency in the program, including criteria revisions
- EPA encourages stakeholders to stay involved in the process and keep an open dialogue with program staff



# Stakeholder Feedback

## Some Common Points:

- 1) Encourage a transparent and predictable criteria revision cycle
- 2) Collaborate with industry to collect market data
- 3) Emphasize cost-effectiveness for new specifications
- 4) Focus on replacement of poor-performing single-pane windows
- 5) Consider a lower U-factor in the Northern Zone
- 6) Harmonize specifications with Canada
- 7) Consider a specification for Low-E Storm Panels



## U.S. / Canada ENERGY STAR Alignment

- EPA and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) have met to discuss the possibility of aligning the U.S. and Canadian ENERGY STAR specifications
- The Canadian program differs from U.S. program in key ways:
  - Different performance and labeling criteria
  - Different climate zone definitions
  - Use of Energy Rating ( $E_R$ ) metric
  - Air Leakage testing based on infiltration and ex-filtration
  - Product certification available through Canadian CBs
- EPA and NRCan will continue to work together to address program gaps and propose solutions





## Storm Panels and ENERGY STAR

- Preliminary Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL) research indicates that significant energy savings could be achieved through expanded purchasing of low-e storm panels
- Storm panels do not currently have a rating system
  - The Attachments Energy Rating Council (AERC) has begun developing a rating and certification program
- EPA is developing a Framework Document to explore a possible ENERGY STAR specification for storm panels
  - Framework Document will not propose criteria, but will present issues for consideration and stakeholder comment
  - Expected publication: Late 2015 or early 2016
- Possible Draft 1 Criteria by Mid 2016



## Next Steps on ENERGY STAR WDS Criteria

- EPA plans to publish a Framework Document for Windows, Doors and Skylights (WDS) Version 7.0 in Spring 2016
  - Framework Document will not propose criteria, but will present methodology, sources and other issues for consideration and stakeholder comment
- EPA will conduct technical and market research in 2016-2017
  - Technical advancement and available products
  - Market Penetration
  - Costs and energy savings
  - Updated codes and standards
- If research indicates a revision is needed, Draft 1 of Version 7.0 Criteria would be proposed in 2017, at the earliest



# Upcoming Program Milestones

| Milestone                                    | Expected Date                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Storm Panels Framework Document              | Late 2015                        |
| WDS Version 6.0 Northern Zone Effective Date | January 1, 2016                  |
| WDS Version 7.0 Framework Document           | Spring 2016                      |
| Storm Panels Draft 1                         | Mid 2016                         |
| EPA Market Research on WDS                   | 2016 – 2017                      |
| Possible WDS Version 7.0 Draft 1             | Spring or Summer 2017 (earliest) |



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