



Reduced Independent Verification Testing Requirements Testament to Industry's Labeling Accuracy

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reduced the required percentage of products to be tested in the NFRC Independent Verification Program (IVP) for ENERGY STAR® partners for 2017. Beginning in January, the requirement will go to 5% of ENERGY STAR certified products tested, down from the 10% required previously.

This change is a direct result of the high success rate demonstrated for the products tested. Now just over three years into full implementation, the fenestration industry can be pleased to have so quickly demonstrated the integrity of the NFRC labeling program.

“This change should encourage the ENERGY STAR partners and bring added confidence to the program,” said Michelle Scism, NFRC Quality and Compliance Manager. “That the EPA has agreed to reduce testing rates suggests that the deliberation that went into the development of the IVP program was well placed and its execution has been successful. The high success rate for products tested and labeled speaks to the strength of the partnership between the NFRC labeling programs and the many participating organizations.”

This change will not affect the NFRC IVP Participation fees. Information on the [NFRC 704-2017: Fee Schedule may be found HERE](#). ENERGY STAR published its own announcement regarding this change; [that announcement may be found HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Michelle Scism](#) at 240-821-9511, or [Dan Womer](#), NFRC IVP Coordinator, at 240-821-9510.

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