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Program Updates

Hello Builders and Raters –

We've nearly come to the end of SRP's 2021-2022 program year. May 1, 2022 begins the 2022-2023 program year and you should be aware of a few changes.

First, we are implementing a 90-day rule for submission of previous-year homes based on the "Rating Date" (Final Inspection Date). What that means is that any homes with Rating Dates prior to 5/31/2022 must be submitted to the program no later than 03/31/2022 to be paid.

Second, we will be strictly enforcing the "90% LED or greater" requirement of the program starting 5/1/2022. Applications submitted for homes showing less than 90% LEDs will be held in Pending ("Flagged") status until the submitter is updated by the Rater. Raters and Builders can see these homes in the weekly status reports that are sent out every Thursday night. To assist you with the update process, Kim Elliott will be sending a report to each Rater in April showing the applications received since 1/1/2022 that show less than 90% LEDs.

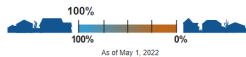
Third, you all should be aware that EPA ENERGY STAR version 3.1 will be in effect for homes permitted in Arizona on or after 1/1/2023. This requirement will be "built in" to the Exotrope software. Also, there are new requirements for AC units installed in homes that are permitted in Arizona on or after 1/1/2023. The new "SEER2" standard effectively requires units in Arizona homes to have a 16 SEER equivalency.

Fourth, the 2022-2023 program year will be the last year for the "EV-Ready" option. This option has added a \$300 bonus for each participating home and will continue through April 2023. The program has paid bonuses on over 300 homes so far, but starting May 1, 2023 "EV-Ready" will be a program requirement and will not generate the \$300 bonus. So, if you want to take advantage of the bonus, you have 12 months to do it. Contact Kim or Rebecca for information about how you can get started.

And finally, please note that ICF will resume field observations as part of our QA process starting in May 2022. Visits may take place at any active community over the following 12 months and will include visual inspections of framing, insulation, windows, lighting, HVAC and appliances. ICF will be contacting Raters for "ride-alongs" to become familiar with their field process as well.

Please contact Kim or Rebecca with any questions about these changes. The SRP ENERGY STAR Homes team is looking forward to working with you this year!
Thank you for your continued partnership!

Rebate Funds Available



On May 1, 2022 we kickoff the 2023 fiscal year and 100% of funds will be available. Builders earn performance incentives by improving energy efficiency on each home at \$ 12 per kWh. Incentives are determined by the home's total estimated annual kWh savings as compared to a code-built home. The builder's rater shall determine the kWh savings using Exotrope software. SRP will pay incentives for eligible homes on a first-come, first-served basis until all incentive funding has been depleted for the fiscal year. Currently, the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program has 68% of the rebate funding available.

Don't forget builders may earn an additional incentive of \$300 per home for Electric Vehicle-Ready homes.

Builder/Rater Spotlight



JKP Energy Inspections is Arizona's top local HERS rater; we are a family-owned business that has rated over 79,000 ENERGY STAR homes since 1999. JKP takes great pride in its partnerships with the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR and Indoor airPLUS programs as well as all the local utility companies. Together with our builder partners, we demonstrate our strong commitment to not just energy efficient, but healthier homes for your families and our planet.

JKP has been recognized for their achievements in promoting ENERGY STAR, assisting builders to build energy efficient homes, and raising the standards of construction in Arizona. JKP Energy Inspections is also a member of the Energy and Environmental Building Alliance (EEBA), Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET), and US Green Building Council (USGBC).



Announcements

A fiesta of rebates and savings

Learn about ENERGY STAR® Homes this Cinco de Mayo, May 5 at 9 a.m.

Join the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes team for the Spring Into Increased Savings webinar on May 5 at 9 a.m. We'll walk you through the latest news and updates for this innovative homebuilder program.

Start your Cinco de Mayo off with an informative and fun hour learning about:

- How builder rebates are calculated and ways to increase your rebate
- New program application and changes taking effect May 1, 2022
- EPA ENERGY STAR Homes Program updates
- Increased rebates through the upcoming Premier Energy Partner Tier
- How SRP handles Supply Chain issues for builders

Make it a Cinco de Mayo to remember. Register using the link below to reserve your spot.

[Register Now](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. We're looking forward to having you at the event!

Trade Ally Portal

Your one-stop-shop to access everything needed to actively participate in the SRP ENERGY STAR Homes Program. The website is interactive and gives improved access to download program documents, process rebates and print program marketing materials.

We will continually update our content with helpful information, newsletters and announcements. We hope you find the new website an easy place to access program information and resources. Please be on the lookout for an email with your user login credentials. If you have any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please email us at energystarhomes@srpnet.com

[Visit the SRP Trade Ally Portal](#)

SRP Energy Learning Center

As an SRP builder or rater, you have free access to our Energy Learning Center, an online distance learning portal that offers trainings on sales and marketing, technical topics and program or industry best practices. Many courses can also be used to meet CEU requirements for common industry certifications, including North American Technician Excellence (NATE), Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET®) and Building Performance Institute (BPI). Examples of CEU accredited sales and marketing courses include:

- Master Marketing
- Master Customer Service
- Customer Personality Types

Builders are also able to share recorded webinars and trainings with their team. If you don't already have credentials for the Learning Center, please contact sandi.anania@icf.com

[Visit the SRP Energy Learning Center](#)

Meet the Program Team



Steve Ellison is a Senior Manager at ICF with over 25 years of experience working in energy efficiency related fields. He holds two master's Degrees from the University of Texas (Hook 'em) and recently received his Project Management Certificate from Bryant University. In the past, he has held certifications as a RESNET HERS Rater, RESNET QA/QC Designer, IECC Residential Code Inspector, and BPI Building Analyst. His managed organizations were honored as ENERGY STAR® Partners of the year in both 2003 and 2006. Steve has publicly presented around 100 seminars, with over 2,000 attendees.

He has a robust background in management and a breadth of experience in Residential EE/DSM programs, working with utility companies across the Southwest. He currently serves as the President of the AESP Southwest Chapter, and lives with his wife, Kristan, and double doodle pup, Gustavo, in San Antonio.

Thank you,

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