



FY2017 Notice of Changes

Residential New Construction Program

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, at its June 29, 2016 Board Agenda meeting, approved the New Jersey Clean Energy Program's Fiscal Year 2017 compliance filing which runs from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Given the changes that were implemented in FY 2016, no changes to the incentive structure were recommended for FY 2017. However, the program team will work with raters and builders to implement the IECC 2015 code and support the adoption of the Energy Rating Index (ERI) compliance path within the code as well.

In FY 2017, the Program intends to resume committing funds to non-publicly funded projects when all the enrollment requirements are met. Projects that were enrolled between Sept. 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 that did not receive a commitment will now be eligible to be granted a commitment, with an expiration date based on their initial enrollment date, provided they meet all enrollment requirements.

In addition, the team will work in close collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to identify the challenges of participating in the Zero Energy Ready Homes (ZERH) program. Understanding the challenges that builders face will allow the team to develop program initiatives to increase participation in that segment of the program. Similarly, the team will engage with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support builders who participate in the Multifamily High Rise program, to increase builder participation and to streamline participation processes.

The following program rules will go into effect July 1, 2016:

- Single family projects will continue to expire after one year.
- Legacy projects such as multi-single, low-rise multifamily and multifamily high-rise projects, which did not previously receive an expiration date, will be granted an enrollment date of July 1, 2016 and will expire in two years.
- All applicants must submit a valid building permit and permitted set of plans with the enrollment application.
- Single Family projects must complete a pre-drywall inspection within 60 days of enrollment date; a potential one time 60-day extension is possible, if the program is notified prior to the expiration date.
- Low-rise and high-rise multifamily projects may be granted one 2 year extension of the enrollment period, if projects have successfully completed the pre-drywall inspection phase prior to the expiration date.
- If any of the above requirements are not met within the timeframes, the project's commitment amount may be re-allocated for other RNC projects.

The program will also provide trainings that offer CEUs throughout the year. Please visit NJCleanEnergy.com/RNCPORTAL over the summer for more information.

If you have questions regarding program changes or effective dates, contact us at 866-NJSMART (657-6278) or email RNCNJCEP@NJCleanEnergy.com.