



2015 ENTERPRISE GREEN COMMUNITIES CRITERIA ADDENDA

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SECTION 4: WATER CONSERVATION

CRITERION 4.1 WATER-CONSERVING FIXTURES

Mandatory

For Substantial and Moderate Rehabs: if a toilet, showerhead, kitchen faucet, and/or lav faucet has been in service in the project for fewer than five years, the project team may elect to retain that fixture rather than replacing it, regardless of that existing fixture's specifications, IF the project will also achieve at least 4 points for Criterion 4.2 Option 2.

CRITERION 4.2 ADVANCED WATER CONSERVATION

Optional: 6 points maximum

Option 2:

Any new toilet, showerhead, and/or lav faucet that is installed in the project must be WaterSense certified, in addition to the project's total indoor water consumption meeting the minimum 30% improvement threshold.

SECTION 5: ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CRITERION 5.1 BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARD

Mandatory

February 27, 2017 addendum:

We are expanding the certification options for projects with four or five stories, in order to align with EPA's February 23, 2017 announcement regarding project eligibility for ENERGY STAR Certified Homes and Multifamily High Rise certification. Effective immediately, the eligibility for Criterion 5.1 is described at a high level below; refer to the ENERGY STAR decision tree for further clarification (https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_mfhr_bldg_eligibility).

Criterion 5.1a Building Performance Standard
for NEW CONSTRUCTION of the following project types:

- All single-family detached and attached homes
- All multifamily buildings with four dwelling units or fewer
- Multifamily buildings with five stories or fewer

Criterion 5.1b Building Performance Standard
for NEW CONSTRUCTION of multifamily buildings with more than four dwelling units and four or more stories.

Criterion 5.1c Building Performance Standard
for Moderate or Substantial REHABS of the following project types:

- All single-family detached and attached homes
- All multifamily buildings with four dwelling units or fewer
- Multifamily buildings with five stories or fewer

Criterion 5.1d Building Performance Standard
for Moderate or Substantial REHABS of multifamily buildings with more than four dwelling units and four or more stories.

March 06, 2019 addendum:

We are adjusting the eligibility guidance and requirements for Criterion 5.1a and Criterion 5.1b in order to align with recently released residential new construction ENERGY STAR program updates. The following two changes are effective immediately:

1. New residential buildings with three or more units may also certify to the Multifamily New Construction program, regardless of permit date. (refer to full ENERGY STAR guidance online: www.energystar.gov/mfnc .

AND

2. Our previous 5.1a and 5.1b program guidance will remain valid for properties permitted by January 1, 2021. (refer to the 2015 Criteria Manual and the February 27, 2017 5.1 addendum)

CRITERION 5.8B RESILIENT ENERGY SYSTEMS: ISLANDABLE POWER

Optional

When referencing generators, the general requirements of this criterion specify a “permanent” generator, while the language in Option 3 calls for a “portable” generator. With this addenda, we are adjusting this standard to reflect that for Option 3, neither “permanent” nor “portable” are the key characteristics of a system to be installed. Either type would be acceptable. Instead, the intent of Option 3 (as is the intent of Options 1 and 2) is to ensure that adequate emergency power will be available to serve certain systems in the project. Option 3 can be met with a fuel-fired back-up generator(s) with a stored fuel supply that is adequate for 7 days. Piped natural gas does not satisfy this requirement. Key systems to ensure will be adequately powered by the generator include:

- Operation of electrical components of fuel-fired heating systems
- Operation of a fan sufficient to provide emergency cooling if mechanical air conditioning equipment cannot operate

- Operation of water pumps if needed to make potable water available to occupants
- Lighting level a minimum of 3 footcandles in all building spaces to define a path of egress to all required exits and to a distance of 10 feet on the exterior
- One location for every 500 square feet that provides a minimum of 30 footcandles measured 30" above the floor
- At least one functioning electrical receptacle per 250 square feet of occupied space
- Operation of cable modem and wireless router or other means of providing online access within the building, if applicable
- Operation of one elevator in building, if applicable

SECTION 7: HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT

CRITERION 7.12 ACTIVE DESIGN: PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THE BUILDING

Mandatory

All single family properties are exempt from Option 1: Stairs AND Option 2: Pathways.