



# BULLETIN

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### Phased Implementation of LEAFF Program Requirements

The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) Board of Directors approved the continuation of the Linear Energy Analysis for Fenestration (LEAFF) pilot program, with a phased implementation plan and a mandatory adoption deadline of **Jan. 1, 2026**. This decision underscores NFRC's commitment to improving the energy performance certification process while ensuring readiness for all participants.

#### **Mandatory Implementation Deadlines:**

- *Mandatory for Recertified Product Lines by 2026: Starting Jan. 1, 2026, recertified product lines shall be required to use the LEAFF methodology.*
- *Mandatory for New Products Lines: Starting Oct. 1, 2026, new product lines seeking certification shall be required to use the LEAFF methodology.*

#### **Stakeholder Preparation:**

- *Additional training will be made available for labs and Inspection Agencies (IAs): NFRC recognizes the importance of ensuring all entities supporting certification, particularly labs and IAs, are fully trained and prepared to implement LEAFF by Jan. 1, 2026. Tailored training sessions and detailed guidance materials will be made available to assist with this transition.*

#### **What Should Stakeholders Do Next?**

- *Manufacturers: Begin engaging with NFRC-accredited labs and IAs to understand how the LEAFF methodology applies to your product lines.*
- *Labs and IAs: Ensure your teams participate in NFRC-provided training to be fully prepared for the LEAFF methodology requirements.*

#### **How NFRC Will Support You:**

- **Dedicated Support Forum:** NFRC staff and technical committees will be on hand to address questions and ensure a smooth transition. Please use this [link](#) to access the LEAFF forum to post questions and share ideas.
- **Proactive Monitoring:** NFRC will continually assess industry readiness to identify and resolve potential bottlenecks.

#### **Contingency Planning:**

- **Lab and IA Availability:** Although NFRC anticipates sufficient support from labs and IAs, we are prepared to intervene if manufacturers encounter significant challenges in securing these services. Staff will monitor readiness and step in with solutions, such as temporary capacity support or expedited resolutions.

For further details about the LEAFF program and implementation resources, visit the [NFRC LEAFF FAQ page](#). If you have questions or need assistance, contact [Scott R. Hanlon](#), Director, Residential Programs.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued dedication to advancing energy performance standards in fenestration.

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