Reminder: NFRC FenStar℠ Certification Program Document
Public Review Ends October 20, 2017

NFRC is providing all participants in the NFRC PCP Certification Program and all NFRC Members a comment period on the program documents for NFRC’s new FenStar Certification Program. The comment period will be open through October 20, 2017.

Where are the documents available and how are comments submitted?

Download the files here and save comments directly in the documents. Upon completion, please email copies of the edited documents to FCP@nfrc.org. NFRC will take all comments under advisement. Comments in conflict with the operating procedures of the certification body or other mandatory requirements will not be incorporated.

In addition, NFRC staff would like to take this opportunity to address some of the questions received since the announcement of the FenStar Certification Program. These questions and answers have been added to the FenStar FAQ and are readily available on the NFRC website.

What is the Difference between a Certification Scheme and a Certification Body?

**Certification Scheme:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the certification scheme owner of the ENERGY STAR® program. It is the EPA that sets the qualification criteria for ENERGY STAR certification. ENERGY STAR also requires that the certifying body for products be ISO/IEC 17065 accredited.

**Certification Body:** The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) FenStar Certification Program is the certification body for the ENERGY STAR program for windows, doors, and skylights and will be seeking ISO/IEC accreditation in accordance with the certification scheme requirements. NFRC does not and cannot determine the ENERGY STAR qualifying criteria.

What do the documents sent out for public review cover?

The FS-1001 and FS-1100 documents under public review are how NFRC will operate as the certification body. Since the EPA provides the rules for the
program in the certification scheme, NFRC procedures were developed to ensure products meet those rules.

How does this affect ENERGY STAR in Canada?

The FenStar Certification Program is a requirement for the U.S. version of ENERGY STAR. It does not affect Canadian products unless those products are sold in the U.S. as part of the U.S. ENERGY STAR program.

What is the VPAG?

VPAG is the Verification Policy Advisory Group. This policy group is a restructuring of the Verification Policy Committee (VPC) to satisfy requirements from the certification scheme for ISO/IEC 17065.

Questions or general comments can be directed to the FCP@nfrc.org email address. Thank you!

Additional information: The FenStar Certification Program announcement and FenStar Certification Program FAQs.

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