



2019 TNMP High-Performance Homes
Program Mardi Gras Spring Newsletter





Welcome Message from the Texas-New Mexico Power Program Manager, Ashley Mitchell

2019 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program Participants,

Welcome to the 2019 TNMP High-Performance Homes Program. We are very pleased to have so many builders rejoining the program in 2019! We have provided builders with two compliance pathways this year; Whole House Path and HVAC Midstream Path. Our goal is to help builders continue to advance the performance of their homes through higher building standards.

Please work with your HERS Rater to ensure your homes starts are being submitted within 45 days of their permit date so we can see your progress in delivering on your allocation of incentive funds. We will be working closely with all of you as each program milestone approaches to make sure you are on track.

In this issue of the newsletter:

- Congratulate the High-Performance Homes 2018 Winners
- Challenge yourself and your team by completing an online course at the EELC
- Ekotrope video link on Importing from REM/Rate
- Enjoy some photos from this year's RESNET Conference
- Learn about the EPA's Indoor airPlus Program
- Listen to a RESTalk Podcast
- Read the technical bulletin on whole-house mechanical ventilation and, much more.
- Events

We are always recruiting new builders to participate in our program and be challenged to build better homes for their customers. If you have not already joined the 2019 Program please register and enroll¹ in the 2019 High-Performance Homes Program. If you have any additional questions, please contact Catalina Campos at Catalina.Campos@icf.com² or Christine Couch at Christine.Couch@icf.com³.

We look forward to working with you in this new program year. Thank you.

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Congratulations to the 2018 End of Program Year Award Winners below!



Highest Program Average Savings

Perry Homes



Highest Single Home Savings

CastleRock Communities



Highest Overall Savings

Lennar Homes



Outstanding Performance

TopBuild Home Services



Texas Energy Efficiency Learning Center



It's 2019, let's get started with some online training!

As a participating contractor in TNMP High-Performance Homes Program, we want to remind you that you have free access to the Energy Efficiency Learning Center (EELC). The EELC is an online distance learning portal where contractors can log-in to take trainings on Sales and Marketing, Technical Topics, and Best Practices. Contractors are also able to view recorded webinars, demonstrations, and other program related training materials. We curated training for everyone in the program, if you want to add new staff, please email Christine Couch to provide them access.

Click on the link to go to the EELC⁴ and register and take an online course today!

If you do not have access to the EELC, please email Christine.Couch@icf.com⁵.

Ekotrope: Importing from REM Rate



Import from REM Rate Video⁶ from Ekotrope support to help you navigate seamlessly.

RESNET Conference in New Orleans

We had an opportunity to spend some time with Texas Builders and Raters at RESNET. We were able to get a glimpse of proposed changes to the IECC for the next cycle and ENERGY STAR The Year Ahead Program updates. We also had an occasion to talk to Programs that go beyond high-performance homes, programs such as Indoor airPLUS⁷ and we will be featuring a different Program every month, so stay tuned. Enjoy the pictures from some of the parades we got to see the day before the conference, the dog parade was awesome!



⁴https://texaseelc.learnupon.com/users/sign_in

⁵<mailto:nancy.nuche@icf.com>

⁶<https://ekotrope.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/17000065870>

⁷<https://www.epa.gov/indoorairplus>



Indoor airPLUS Program⁸



Indoor airPLUS⁹ is a voluntary partnership and labeling program that helps new home builders improve the quality of indoor air by requiring construction practices and product specifications that minimize exposure to airborne pollutants and contaminants. Clean air is good for everyone's health, but it can be especially important to those that have chronic respiratory conditions. Click on the link to find out more information about the Program.

Don't miss out on Incentives with ENERGY STAR! It is easier to participate, ask your Rater about ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR helps builders comply with requirements using ENERGY STAR v 3.1

87% of consumers recognize the ENERGY STAR logo and associate it with energy-efficiency. Are you leveraging the marketing and building science benefits of being an ENERGY STAR builder? Become an

⁸<https://www.epa.gov/indoorairplus>

⁹<https://www.epa.gov/indoorairplus>

ENERGY STAR Builder Partner today and join the thousands of builders across the US! Watch the video and click here¹⁰ to learn more.



<https://youtu.be/x5U1H2Jk10k>

REStalk Podcast! Check it out!



REStalk Website¹¹

iTunes (iPhone)¹²

Stitcher (Android)¹³

¹⁰https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.nh_v4_benefits_builders

¹¹<http://restalk.libsyn.com/>

¹²<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/restalk/id1393675161?mt=2>

¹³<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/bryan-orr-3/restalk>

Google Play¹⁴

Technical Bulletin: Whole-House Ventilation Rate Responsibilities for Designers, Contractors, and Raters¹⁵



In the News

Beyond Energy Efficiency to Healthy Home Building¹⁶

How Well Do You Understand Your Buyers?¹⁷

Have you visited our program website lately?
TNMP Efficiency¹⁸



¹⁴<https://play.google.com/music/listen?u=0#/home>

¹⁵https://www.energystar.gov/ia/new_homes/nh_newsletter_whole_house_ventilation_rate.html

¹⁶[https://www.builderonline.com/building-forward/beyond-energy-efficiency-to-healthy-home-building?utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=Advertorial&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BP_012519\(1\)&he=](https://www.builderonline.com/building-forward/beyond-energy-efficiency-to-healthy-home-building?utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=Advertorial&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BP_012519(1)&he=)

¹⁷<https://eeba.org/how-well-do-you-understand-your-buyers>

¹⁸http://www.tnmpefficiency.com/smartPage_newhomes.html?smartP=NHOverview

Upcoming Events



May 3rd

5pm - 11pm

ADMISSION \$20

At the DPIS Office: 1600 E. Huffsmith Rd, Tomball, TX 77375

ENJOY TASTING TEAMS COMPETING FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE IN :
Crawfish. Ettouffee. Jambalaya. Cocktail Sauce.

Team entries still available!

**TEAM ENTRIES DUE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 10, 2019**

Pinchin' Tails for HomeAid Houston Website¹⁹

¹⁹<http://pinchintails.com/>

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