



NYSERDA



Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®

February 15, 2017

Dear Participating Contractors and Stakeholders:

The general business law of the State of New York has been changed to ensure battery-only powered smoke detecting alarms have batteries with a ten-year life. Smoke alarms not meeting the requirements of the law cannot be sold or distributed in New York effective January 1, 2017. Please note that this law does not apply to any remaining smoke alarms that you or your distributor may have ordered or have in stock prior to January 1, 2017. This law does not apply to smoke alarms that are hard-wired into the building's electrical system. You may see the NYS Assembly or Senate Bill language [A3057A](#) /[S2696A](#) for more detailed information.



Effective March 15, 2017 NYSERDA's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® and EmPower New York programs will require that all battery-only-powered smoke detectors, carbon monoxide (CO) detectors and smoke/CO combination detectors have non-replaceable, non-removable batteries, capable of powering the devices for a minimum of ten years.

NYSERDA staff has reviewed current EmPower pricing, conducted a survey of the cost of the new generation of alarms, and determined that the current price levels are sufficient for the provision of these new alarms through EmPower. Installed devices must also continue to meet the criteria outlined in the Contractor Resource Manual Section 7.13.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact David Friello at 518-862-1090, ext. 3355, or via email at david.friello@nyserda.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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This Program Announcement can also be found on the Contractor Support Website by [clicking here](#).

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