



Dear Participating Home Performance Contractors,

We are excited to announce that NYSERDA has approved [CakeSystems](#), [OptiMiser](#), [Snugg Pro](#), and [TREAT v3.4](#) to model Home Performance with ENERGY STAR projects. NYSERDA is transitioning the program to require the use of a standardized 'HPXML' data format. HPXML is a BPI working group-created format for home performance related data transfer that makes it simpler and more efficient to collect and transfer modeling data.

These tools allow for the implementation of a new Express Contract workflow in the NY Home Performance Portal, coming later this summer. This new workflow will automate workscope approvals for the majority of projects, significantly reducing the time it takes to obtain project approval, and will only support HPXML-compliant tools. By the end of 2015, all project submissions to the NYSERDA HPwES program must be submitted through the Express Contract workflow.



Contractors participating in the PSEG Long Island program should continue to use Real Home Analyzer (RHA) and the existing NY Optimization process until further notice. Details will be forthcoming on program-approved replacement options, as RHA will be retired by the end of 2015.

Effective immediately, you can use these tools to submit home performance projects to the NY HP Portal and for reimbursement of the free or reduced cost energy audit fee.

In order to ease the transition to a new tool you are encouraged to contact the software companies directly for more information, and to arrange for training as soon as possible. Contact information along with an overview of the product [can be found here](#). This information will also be posted on the Contractor Support Site. While CSG's Contractor Support staff will continue to provide assistance for program questions and the NY HP Portal, modeling assistance and training will be the responsibility of the software vendors.

Additionally, NYSERDA and CSG will be hosting two webinars introducing the new tools. Representatives from CakeSystems, OptiMiser, Snugg Pro, and TREAT will provide a 20-minute overview of their product, with 10 minutes for questions. This is not a training webinar, but a general overview of the products and their functionalities. Please contact the vendor directly to schedule individual training.

New Modeling Tools Webinars - Please register for one of the dates below:

Monday 7/20/15 - 3 PM

Tuesday 7/21/15 - 9 AM



The program is currently reviewing incentive amounts available for modeling software and will provide an incentive structure update for contractors at a later date.

Thank you.

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