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Dear Participating New York Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Contractor:

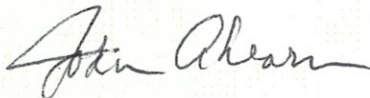
The New York Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program is adopting the following Program rules to help facilitate the submittal of projects that address property damage as a result of increasingly frequent severe weather events:

- Test-in requirements will be waived due to the fact that many flood damaged homes are not in a condition that can support test-in. The home must be habitable at the time of test-out.
- The existing condition for damaged equipment and appliances for the purposes of calculating energy savings will be code minimum efficiency (e.g. Gas Furnace 80% AFUE). The R-Value and/or U-Factor of exterior surfaces shall be modeled as closely as possible to the pre-flood condition accounting for degradation following BPI guidelines.
- Residences meeting the code definition of a gut rehabilitation or substantial renovation should be directed to the New York ENERGY STAR® Certified Homes Program.

In addition to the changes in the Program requirements detailed above, Contractors are reminded the dollar value of health and safety measures and accessories that are allowed to be excluded from the savings-to-investment calculation remains 15% of the total project cost with a cap of \$2,000. Additionally, contractors are reminded that work can begin prior to receiving workscope approval. Full project submission and completion documentation will need to be received by the program in a reasonable amount of time after the completion of the work for incentives to be processed. The loan approval process remains unchanged, and contractors proceeding with work without signed loan agreements do so at risk.

Thank you for your continued support of Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and the important role you can play in providing relief for those affected by flooding.

Sincerely,



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