NATIONAL TRIBAL AIR ASSOCIATION FACT SHEET

What is Indoor airPLUS Version 2?

OVERVIEW

EPA's Indoor airPLUS Version 2 updates the original specifications of the Indoor airPLUS program, which is a voluntary partnership and labeling program for new homes to improve IAQ by requiring builders to use practices and products that minimize airborne pollutants and contaminants. After the public comment and revisions period, EPA anticipates implementation of the New Construction Specifications in Fall 2021, with requirements for all new projects by mid to late 2022. EPA also intends to expand this program in a future update to include existing homes.

WHAT ARE THE KEY DIFFERENCES IN V2?

A more complete list of highlights can be found here. The following are highlights that may be of particular interest to Tribes:

- Expands project eligibility to include multifamily buildings of all heights, and applies requirements to common spaces
- Moisture control steps, such as the location of trapped drains, inclusion of capillary breaks, requirements for moisture zones A and C, and more explicit requirements for low sloped or flat roof
- Radon mitigation, testing, or education requirements for all Radon Zones; verification requirements for radon resistant features
- Pest barriers including foundation, slab, and screen requirements
- HVAC system updates, including sizing and design, installation, location, and more
- Combustion pollutant control, including appliances, alarms, control mechanisms, and parking structures
- Low-emission materials standards

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT?

Use the links throughout this Fact Sheet to learn more directly from EPA, and refer to the draft of the Indoor airPLUS Version 2 New Construction Specifications. The NTAA will be creating a Tribal Template Letter that you can use to help guide your comments. You can submit comments by emailing indoor_airplus@epa.gov with the subject line, "Public Comment: Indoor airPLUS Version 2." EPA has also created a word document that you can use to help with formatting and organizing your comments.

Comments are due by March 17, 2021.

