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Dear New Jersey ENERGY STAR[®] Certified Homes Participating Builders:

Thank you for your commitment to New Jersey's residential energy efficient product programs. We appreciate your participation and your efforts to reduce New Jersey's energy dependence. This notice includes important changes for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015.

As of **November 1, 2014**, the underlying base standards of the third tier of the New Jersey ENERGY STAR Certified Homes Program, Climate Choice Homes, will be changed. Tier 3 standards will be replaced to align with the Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Homes. Additionally, participation in the NJ Zero Energy Ready Homes Tier 3 level is now open to all raters. To be eligible to submit projects under the new NJ Tier 3 Zero Energy Ready Homes level, DOE training is required for participating raters and builders. A DOE training is currently scheduled for October, 20 2014. Please email RNCNJCEP@Honeywell.com to register for the training. Also, visit NJCleanEnergy.com/NJESH for the requirements in relation to this tier.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact us at 866-NJSMART.

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