



SC Home Energy Labeling Working Group Meeting

February 17, 2026

Meeting Format

- 1 Hour WG Meeting
- WG Meetings Focus on Topics or Questions Related to the SC Home Energy Labeling Program
- WG Member Input is Collected with Feedback at Future Meetings
- Google Document Available for Comments/Ideas
- Please Keep Microphone on Mute
- Use “Raise Hand” or “Chat” To Comment During Presentation

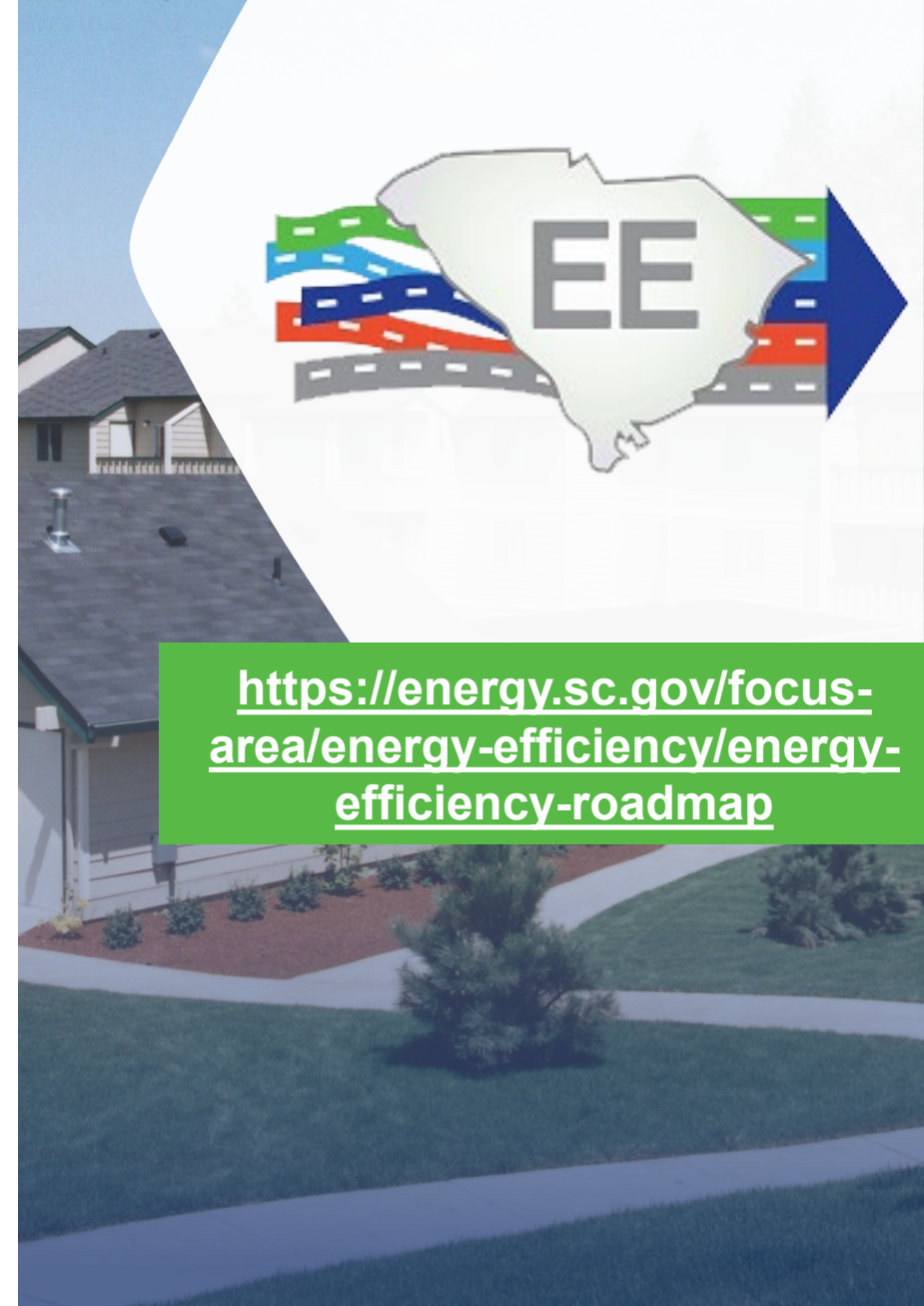
Today's Agenda

- Meeting Introduction
- SC Home Energy Labeling Program Overview
- SC Labeling Web Portal Launch
- Update on SC Labeling Pilot Projects
- Update on Assessor Training in January
- Next Steps for the Program
- Request for Labeling Participants
- Questions
- Close of Meeting

Energy Efficiency Roadmap Initiative

Overview

- Stakeholder Initiative launched in October 2019
- 2016 Energy Plan
- Six Working Groups
- Final Report – 2021



<https://energy.sc.gov/focus-area/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-roadmap>

SC Labeling Approach

- Stakeholder Working Group providing input and guidance to program development
- Statewide voluntary labeling infrastructure being created
- Earth Advantage assisting SCEO with program development and management
- Energy Office providing support for local labeling partners within SC

Energy Label Project Phases: 2022 – 2025

- Energy Label Design
 - What is the key information for the SC label
 - How is the Information presented on the label
- Administration
 - Who creates the label
 - Who manages the assessor/rater
- Training & Education Needs
 - Who needs training
 - What is critical to use/understand the label
- **Pilot Programs**
 - **Identify possible locations / participants**
 - **Develop and support local labeling programs**
 - **Launch initial Pilot Programs**

Update on Web Portal Launch

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Building Codes and Labeling Recommendations

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Building Codes and Labeling Recommendations

Develop a Residential Labeling/Sticker Disclosure Pilot (EE/EB 1)
For a full explanation of this recommendation, see page 60 of the [SC Energy Efficiency Roadmap](#) (PDF).

The purpose of home energy labels is to provide reliable, standardized information to residents about a residential dwelling's estimated energy use. They also can provide an estimate of a home's energy costs and recommendations for energy-saving improvements. This information can help educate individuals about home energy use at the time of purchase or rental, or when making home upgrades.

Information on this working group is available below. If you would like to stay informed or join the working group, contact [Michael Garner](#).

Working Group Discussions

Resources

- > SC Home Energy Labeling Program Web Portal
- > NASEO Energy Metrics to Promote Residential Energy Scorecards in States (EMPRESS)
- > NASEO Home Energy Labeling
- > DOE Home Energy Score (HES)
- > HES Assessor Resources
- > HES Scoring Tool
- > HES Methodology
- > HERS Information
- > Green Building Registry
- > SC Home Energy Labeling Factsheet (PDF)

SC Home Energy Labeling Program Home | About the Program | About the Report | Get a Score | Become an Assessor

Why Does South Carolina Offer Home Energy Labeling?

Home energy labels are tools that provide reliable, standardized information about estimated home energy use and costs. Much like miles-per-gallon (MPG) ratings on vehicles or Nutrition Facts labels on food products, home energy labels help people understand how homes use energy and be informed consumers about home energy features and costs.

The South Carolina official home energy label features a 1-to-10 score calculated by the U.S. Department of Energy. The accompanying report also identifies opportunities for home energy upgrades that can reduce energy use, costs, and associated pollution.

Homeowners, buyers, renters, and property owners can use home energy labels to better understand how homes currently use energy, identify home energy upgrades, and document completed upgrades for appropriate real estate valuation.

Homes with energy efficient features also typically have lower and more stable energy costs, produce less air pollution, stay more comfortable during summer and winter, along with other benefits.

About the Program

About the Report

Get A Score

Become an Assessor

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Update On Pilot Projects

- Three Initial Pilot Projects Selected
- They Represent Different Markets and Implementation Models
 - Utility/Electric Coop
 - University
 - Non-Profit Organization
- Each Pilot Program Had Key Characteristics That Made Them Good Candidates to Participate in the Pilot Phase

Pilot Project Goals

- Launch Home Energy Labeling Labeling in South Carolina
- Integrate Labeling Into Existing Audit/Assessment Programs
- Get Some Homes in SC Energy Labeled
- Identify Challenges and Opportunities from Pilot Projects
- Expand Home Energy Labeling in SC with Additional Labeling Partners

Next Steps

- ✓ Onboarding for Pilot Project Participants
- ✓ Train Initial Assessors
- ✓ Launch Labeling Pilot Projects
- Conduct Additional Outreach
- Identify Additional Labeling Partners
 - Utilities
 - Energy Efficiency Organizations
 - Non-Profits
 - Others?

Update on Assessor Training



- Required training completed mid-January
- Pilot program launched
- 4 assessors completed training, 2 are in progress
- Companies authorized to produce energy labels:
 - Sustainability Institute
 - Berkeley Electric Cooperative
- Pending authorization
 - Santee Cooper

Assessor Training updates

- ✓ Six trainees completed Assessor Orientation October 9
 - Webinar presented by SCEO and Earth Advantage
 - The pilot trainees were very engaged
- Trainees will complete required DOE simulation training self-paced
- Trainees scheduled to complete required in-field mentoring
- DOE and the SCEO energy labeling program will authorize assessors to launch scoring activity

Project Next Steps & Timeline

- ✓ Pilot Project Onboarding
- ✓ SC Home Energy Labeling Website Launch
- ✓ Initial Assessor Training
- ✓ SC Home Energy Labeling Launch
- Q2 2026 – Identify Additional Labeling Partners in SC
- 2026 – Expand SC Energy Labeling Program

Interested in being a labeling Partner?

- Local Jurisdictions
- Universities/Colleges
- Efficiency Organizations/Programs
- Utilities
- Other?



Questions

- How Can We Grow The Program?
- What other applications or opportunities for labeling exist?
- How can we support?
- What other stakeholders or groups should we reach out to?

SC Home Energy Labeling: More Information

For more information and additional resources

Energy Efficiency
Roadmap



South Carolina
Home Energy
Labeling Information



Program Page:

<https://energy.sc.gov/focus-area/energy-efficiency/building-ee-homes/building-codes-and-labeling-recommendations>

Fact Sheet:

<https://energy.sc.gov/sites/energy/files/Documents/SC%20energy%20label%20factsheet.pdf>

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