

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements March 3, 2022

New

Incentive for energy efficiency in hemp production

Subsequent to a change in the rules governing hemp, BPA will no longer exclude hemp and hemp associated load from our energy-efficiency program in states where such activities have received USDA approval. The 2018 Farm Bill removed hemp from the controlled substances list and retained USDA regulation of hemp production. USDA issued an interim rule governing production of industrial hemp on October 29, 2019. This rule requires states and tribal entities to submit a plan for USDA approval prior to implementation. As of January 1, 2022, all states within the BPA service territory have USDA-approval for hemp production. Hemp production activities include cultivation, processing, manufacture, and marketing of hemp and hemp-derived products (inclusive of hemp-derived products containing CBD). Eligibility for a project is based on the date USDA approved a state's plan. Projects with completion dates on or after the USDA plan approval will be accepted.

Comfort Ready Home "Greener Water Heater Promotion" Extended

The Comfort Ready Home "Greener Water Heater Promotion" has been extended for one year! The new offer ends April 30, 2023 or until funds are exhausted...[More](#)

Commissioning Variable Speed Air Source Heat Pumps and Entering Information in PTCS Registry

Commissioning inverter-driven variable speed air source heat pumps, or VSHPs, has proven to be a challenge for the PTCS program and this is impacting data entry in the PTCS online site Registry. After much study, our PTCS team identified certain reasons why VSHPs cannot be set up to meet PTCS airflow and refrigerant check specifications and explained how VSHPs should be commissioned and entered in the PTCS Registry...[More](#)

Events

Register Now for Efficiency Exchange 2022

Efficiency Exchange 2022, or EFX22, is committed to bringing the region together to discuss the shared challenges and opportunities ahead for energy efficiency. Join us for EFX22, April 14-15. This year's virtual conference features an impressive agenda with regional and national leaders presenting on pressing issues in energy efficiency. [Register now and view the complete agenda](#) with topics featuring the latest in dual-fuel efficiency, updates on



federal energy policy, addressing equity in residential programs, and findings from the 2021 Power Plan.

Registration includes a networking event and access to recorded conference sessions for one year. Plus, many opportunities to trade ideas and share best practices.

Take advantage of early registration rates and register today:

- \$150 for utilities, government and nonprofits (goes up to \$200 on March 22)
- \$350 for consultant/contractors and other market partners
- \$500 for exhibitors

General

BEETS reporting system launch

BPA energy efficiency staff have been working hard to implement the new Bonneville Energy Efficiency Tracking System, or BEETS. We have been assessing the BEETS schedule over the past few weeks and have determined that the system will not be ready to launch April 1. While we are still working to finalize a revised date, the current projection is within this calendar year. Despite previous communications that the Implementation Manual, or IM, and BEETS will follow the same timeline, in order to roll out new programs and allow for seamless reporting, we have decided to proceed with the release of the IM on April 1, as previously planned.

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