

Presentation of utility feedback on Residential Weatherization Specifications – results from six sub-regional meetings held in June 2012

There will be two presentations on this topic. On September 13th the topic is covered as a Brown Bag. For those that cannot participate on that date, there is a repeat of this presentation on September 18th.

Brown Bag:

When: Thursday, September 13, 2012

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm (PST)

Repeat presentation:

When: Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am (PST)

Description:

This webinar will present the major themes of what was heard across the region in reaction to the RTF's updated Residential Weatherization Specifications (2011), weatherization challenges utilities face, utility preferences on support from BPA, and BPA's next steps.

Intended Audience:

This webinar is for all utilities, those who participated in the sub-regional meetings as well as those who were not able to attend.

Background:

In August 2011, the Regional Technical Forum (RTF) approved an updated Residential Weatherization Specification for the Northwest to replace the version last updated in 2006. Some BPA utilities voiced concern about impacts of the specifications on their weatherization programs. Links to the 2006 and 2011 RTF Residential Weatherization Specifications may be found here. In order to move forward with the most benefit and the least amount of negative impact, BPA began an engagement with utility customers to identify issues, solutions and needs as well as the role BPA should play in supporting weatherization efforts.

Members of the BPA residential team spent the month of June discussing the 2011 RTF Weatherization Specifications at six utility-hosted sub-regional meetings. These meetings provided utilities a chance to provide candid feedback directly to BPA.

Each meeting followed the same format: an overview of the process, followed by a detailed discussion of the weatherization specification and potential impacts, identification of barriers and possible solutions, and finally a voting exercise indicating areas for BPA to focus support (and areas to avoid). Notes from each meeting were

collected, returned back to participants for comment and then compiled to compare similarities and differences across all sub-regions. This webinar will provide a summary of feedback captured at these meetings, present major themes and preferences expressed by utilities who participated, and provide details on BPA's next steps.

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