

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly announcements for November 24, 2011

General

EE Central Updates -

Within the past week, Nexant has performed another batch of needed repairs to EE Central, as such, many features and functions have been improved. This announcement is a continuation of our customer support effort in which we provide troubleshooting solutions, updates and education for EE Central ... [More](#)

Reminders

ESI Program Modifications -

The Energy Smart Industrial (ESI) program has just completed its first two years; in that time it has delivered over 40 aMW of industrial energy efficiency. In an effort to dedicate resources more reflective of a mature program and to preserve efficiency funds for incentives the ESI program is undergoing a budget reduction in FY12. This reduction will not affect program components, but it will reduce the number of ESIPs and the resources allocated for technical services. Those utilities affected by ESIP staffing changes have already been notified of the change in representation. Attached is a [briefing sheet](#) that outlines the program realignment.

Changes to BPA's Ductless Heat Pump program support -

In 2008 BPA joined with the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) and Fluid Market Strategies to support a regional pilot for Ductless Heat Pumps in single family homes. The NW Ductless Heat Pump Pilot has been an amazing success, thanks largely to contractor training, marketing support and Quality Assurance oversight provided by NEEA and Fluid Market Strategies. Throughout this launch period, BPA provided for additional program support for individual public utilities participating in the pilot. As utilities become more comfortable with installation and documentation requirements, BPA has elected to phase-out this programmatic support over the next six months. See the attached document for details on this transition...

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Changes to the Performance Tested Comfort Systems (PTCS) Program -

For the past five years, BPA has contracted with Ecos Consulting to provide program delivery of PTCS, resulting in over 40,000 installations. The PTCS program is approaching maturity, which is an opportune time to introduce free market service providers as an option. At the same time, BPA is undergoing an effort to maximize its capital resources by identifying cost-saving initiatives in its Energy Efficiency programs. BPA identified the PTCS program support function as one cost-savings opportunity. See the attached document for details on this transition... [More](#)

