BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements
March 31, 2022

New

Updates to posted 2022-2023 Implementation Manual, measure list and supporting documentation
Ahead of the April 1 start of the rate period, the following changes have been made to the 2022-2023 Implementation Manual, measure list and supporting documents.... More

2022-2023 Implementation Manual Q&A
For those who attended the Implementation Manual, or IM, Rate Period Webinar held on Feb 24, a video of the webinar and the most current version of the IM are available on the IM webpage. If you had an unanswered question from the webinar, our Q&A responses are now available here.

Efficiency Exchange Conference is just two weeks away
The Efficiency Exchange 2022, or EFX 22, virtual event is April 14-15, 2022, and promises two full days of engaging energy-efficiency topics from regional and national leaders in the industry. Registration is $200 for utilities, government, nonprofits and $350 for contractors, consultants and market partners. Register now. If you have completed your registration for EFX 22, please log into the conference page before the event begins on April 14 and plan your schedule. There you can view the full list of sessions and networking events, select the events you want to attend and save them to your calendar. If you have any questions, please contact mabagan@bpa.gov for assistance.

New Comfort Ready Home weatherization training available
Take advantage of a full suite of NEW Insulation trainings available from Comfort Ready Home... More
General

Reminder: Promos ending in March
As a final reminder, BPA’s promotional incentives on residential and commercial HVAC measures as well as promotional performance payment rates will expire as of March 31, 2022.

- Measures submitted after March 31 with completion dates prior to this deadline will still qualify for promotional incentives
- Performance payment rates are calculated at the time of invoice, and any submissions received after March 31 will reflect standard (non-promotional rates)

We have been communicating with our implementation partners to ensure a smooth transition, but if you have any questions or need additional support, please reach out to your energy efficiency representative.

Temporary change in requirements - ductless heat pump conversions and upgrades
Due to supply chain issues, ductless heat pump, or DHP, manufacturers are using different factories to produce DHPs resulting in a new model number. These models are available in the marketplace and meet BPA requirements, however, there are delays in getting the associated AHRI certifications. In an effort to prevent utilities from having to process a large number of exceptions and submit COTR acknowledgment requests during this challenging time, BPA developed a temporary process allowing products that meet BPA’s requirements to be accepted without an AHRI certificate. This process will be available to BPA utilities on April 1, 2022, and will remain active throughout the rate period… More

Conduit website sunsets September 2022
The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, or NEEA, and Bonneville Power Administration staff that make up the Conduit Management team have made the decision to sunset the Conduit website in September 2022. After that time, members will no longer be able to access resources available on the website.

All necessary materials should be migrated off the website no later than August 12, 2022. Please view the FAQ on Conduit for more information.

The Conduit Management team would like to thank all users for their engagement over the years. By participating in regional Groups, Communities, Job Postings and more, the Conduit community has helped keep the Northwest engaged and connected to further energy efficiency throughout the region. Although the site is sunsetting, members can keep up with NEEA and BPA activities through the following channels:

- Subscribe to NEEA’s communication lists
- Keep up with BPA through the weekly EE announcements
If you are a manager of an existing group or have any questions not answered in the FAQ, please contact us at help@conduitnw.org.