

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

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New

ECA Amendment coming this summer

Energy Efficiency is preparing for the September 30, 2022 expiration of the Energy Conservation Agreement, or ECA. BPA will provide an amendment to the ECA, extending the term of the agreement through 2028. The forthcoming ECA amendment will capture revisions needed to address and accommodate the new BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking Systems, or BEETS, reporting system. Please contact your Energy Efficiency Representative with any questions.

Register Now for Efficiency Exchange 2022

Join us for Efficiency Exchange 2022, or EFX22, on 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.

UES Measure List Timing

BPA encountered unexpected delays in the finalization of its UES measure list and will not publish the final version until the week of March 28. We understand that some customers need early access to the measure list in order to update internal systems. If this is the case, BPA can provide a near final draft measure list early in the week of March 21, and can work with you to provide specific information in the interim. Please contact your Energy Efficiency Representative for details.

PTCS Redesign/Simplification: Contractor Webinar - How your PTCS practices will change on April 1, 2022

BPA and CLEAResult will begin communicating with PTCS Contractor's (PTCS Certified Technicians and Admin's) to inform them of changes coming to the PTCS program on April 1, 2022. Numerous changes were made to redesign and simplify PTCS and they will be shared in this informative webinar on March 24... [More](#)

Comfort Ready Home launches interactive homeowner resources page

To support utilities and contractors in communicating the benefits and opportunities for



energy-efficient home upgrades, Comfort Ready Home has launched an educational [homeowner resources](#) page ... [More](#)

Residential Building Stock Assessment 2022 Webinar

Registration now open for the next Residential Building Stock Assessment 2022 [webinar](#). Join staff from the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, or NEEA, for the Residential Building Stock Assessment 2022, or RBSA 2022, webinar. Hosted from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. (PDT) on March 22, this webinar will present information on the study's recruitment and updated information on site visits.

Every five years, NEEA conducts the RBSA on behalf of the region. The RBSA catalogs characteristics and equipment impacting energy use in Single-family and multifamily units and buildings in support of northwest resource and energy efficiency planning. [Register now](#) to learn the details of the upcoming RBSA and how to get involved.

General

Residential Building Stock Assessment continues across BPA territory

The Residential Building Stock Assessment, or RBSA, sponsored in part by BPA through the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, or NEEA, continues across BPA territory with direct mailings to utility customers inviting their participation in the study with an offer of a \$10 dollar bill for completing the initial qualification survey. Qualifying homes may also receive site visits for which NEEA could request billing data in the future. Evergreen Economics is the third-party contractor working with NEEA to complete the study and you may receive notification from them regarding the outreach.

Why does it matter? The RBSA is a critical tool for BPA as it provides data on how the residents of the NW use energy. This data serves as the basis for much of the residential portfolio as it provides the point from which BPA measures savings versus doing everything on a site specific basis. Given how different BPA's territory is than that of the IOUs (gas penetration, urban vs rural, etc.), it is important that BPA provides measures that reflect those differences. Without this investment, the BPA measure set would be much more influenced by urban centers that often transform far more rapidly than rural areas. To that end, participation by utilities across the region is key to making sure BPA offers useful measures for all. [Register now](#) for the upcoming webinar to learn the details of the upcoming RBSA and how to get involved.

For more information about NEEA: [Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance \(NEEA\) | NEEA transforms markets...](#)

For more information about the RBSA: [Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance \(NEEA\) | RBSA FAQ](#)

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](#)
