

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, March 20, 2014

Events

Efficiency Exchange: Explore efficiency and innovation in the Tri-Cities!

We've developed something of a tradition around site visits, but this year, we're taking it to a whole new level. The morning of May 8, Efficiency Exchange's third day, will offer a number of informative site tours so that attendees can experience firsthand the efficiency and innovation occurring around the Tri-Cities. Come visit the beautiful Nine Canyon Wind Farm and McNary Dam for a look at renewable energy at its source. Explore the Hanford B Nuclear Reactor, a U.S. National Historic Landmark, and the world's first large-scale nuclear reactor. Or learn about energy-efficient and sustainable agriculture and viticulture practices from those who tend the rich soil east of the Cascades. Visit the [Efficiency Exchange Site Tour page](#) to learn more about all five tours... [More](#)

Brown Bag: QSSI Custom Project Changes -

Join us March 25, 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Through our ongoing QSSI initiative BPA's Energy Efficiency team is systematically reviewing our policies and the way we conduct business with our customers with a goal creating greater simplicity and improving our business relationship. One of the first outcomes of this process is a simplification of our custom project rules. After a hard look at the rules governing custom projects BPA found a number of areas that could be eliminated or simplified. Join us in this Brown Bag to hear about the improvement we will be launching on April 1... [More](#)

Brown Bag: April Implementation Manual Updates -

Join us on March 27, 12:00 - 1:30 pm. The April Implementation Manual features a number of important programmatic updates. This Brown Bag will provide detail on the forthcoming changes and offer an opportunity for customers to ask questions of BPA's programs staff... [More](#)



Brown Bag: Lighting Calculator 3.2 -

Join us on April 2, 12:00 – 1:00 pm. To follow up with utilities after the Lighting Calculator 3.2 update, the BPA Lighting Team is hosting an informative brown bag webinar. The team will provide a detailed overview of what is new with 3.2 and why utilities should update to the new version. There will also be an update on the Northwest Lighting Trade Ally Network. Lastly, new online training resources will be revealed... [More](#)

NEEA TV Initiative Spring 2014 Regional Review - Webinar March 25 -

Review of initiative background and theory of market transformation. Highlights from Market Progress Evaluation Reports and changes made to the initiative in response. Highlights from 2013. Overall program success. Next steps as initiative transitions. Please join the NEEA webinar on March 25, 9:00-10:30 am, for:

- Review of initiative background and theory of market transformation.
- Highlights from Market Progress Evaluation Reports and changes made to the initiative in response.
- Highlights from 2013.
- Overall program success.
- Next steps as initiative transitions.

Space is limited so please register today at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/647167032>

Program Updates

HPWH Uptake Increases 300% from FY12 to FY13 -

As of March 10, 2014, BPA utilities have submitted 1,299 heat pump water heater measures for reimbursement. Uptake increased by 300% from FY12 to FY13! Make sure you are submitting your forms to eedocs@bpa.gov so we can keep tracking the performance information we need to take this measure out of provisional status.

Check out these [Spring 2014 promotions](#) to help take us even further this year!

Reminders

Kick-Off Webinar for Utilities with sites in the Site Specific Savings Impact Evaluation -

BPA is beginning an impact evaluation of our site specific savings projects (custom projects and lighting calculators). This is a vital study that will substantiate nearly half of our efficiency portfolio and will provide recommendations for future program improvements. The evaluation sample will contain approximately 150

projects; we expect between 40 and 50 utilities to be included.

If you were notified by your EER that your utility has a project or projects included in this study we encourage you to attend the kick off webinar on March 21 at 10:00am that will provide information on the project, timeline, communication protocols, and your role in this evaluation. We have not contacted any end users, and will not do so until we have notified utilities, reviewed project files in detail and worked with utilities on end user communication processes.

Additional information on the kick off webinar can be found [here](#).

For more information, a project summary can be found [here](#).

BPA Customer Utilities Get in the QA Game with PTCS -

Several BPA customer utilities have signed up to be reimbursed by BPA for doing quality assurance (QA) PTCS inspections. Benton REA, Inland Power and Light, Central Electric Cooperative, Grays Harbor, Columbia River PUD, Benton PUD and Clallam County PUD are partnering with BPA to conduct PTCS inspections in their service territory with qualified staff or contractors. The commitment from these utilities is an important step to ensuring PTCS work is being inspected across the region and will supplement inspections conducted by BPA.

Please complete the [Letter of Interest form](#) if you would like to partner with BPA on PTCS Quality Assurance. Contact Stephanie Vasquez, PTCS program manager, at smvasquez@bpa.gov or (503)-230-3492 for more information.

Introducing Lighting Calculator 3.2 -

Lighting Calculator v.3.2 is coming April 1, 2014! Join the wave of users who have already switched and experience the most options and the greatest degree of control yet! March 31 is the last day to submit projects using v.2.3... [More](#)
