

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

May 7, 2020

Events

Webinar: Agricultural Utility Group meeting -

The Agricultural sector's quarterly Ag Utilities Group meeting will take place Tuesday, May 12. All customer utilities are invited to participate...[More](#)

Rescheduled brown bag: Behavioral Home Energy Reports -

Join us on Thursday, May 14, for the rescheduled brown bag presentation on BPA's new measure for Residential Behavioral Home Energy Reports. BPA will present the new measure, requirements and specifications, and qualified program vendor list...[More](#)

Luminaire Level Lighting Controls webinar, brought to you by NEEA –

There's a lot of buzz about the benefits of luminaire level lighting controls, or LLLC, and as many myths about installation, operations and maintenance of this technology, too. Here's a chance to get your questions answered directly from lighting experts and "MythBusters," Chris Meek and Chris Wolgamott. Join NEEA on Thursday, May 21 from 10-11 a.m. PST for a virtual MythBusters-inspired event. Bring your pressing questions on lighting controls or submit them before the event and let these experts light the way to your next LLLC project. Register for free here:

<https://bit.ly/3aysCc7>

This event is brought to you by NEEA's [BetterBricks](#) initiative and the [University of Washington's Integrated Design Lab](#).

Program Updates

Simple Steps -

In October, BPA is saying goodbye to the residential lighting program known as, Simple Steps, Smart Savings. The program provided the opportunity for utility-preference customers to opt-in to offer their customers instant discounts on energy-saving products they buy in stores. The program is expiring because financial incentives are no longer needed to convince consumers that LEDs are the best choice for lighting. The article will also be posted to bpa.gov/ee...[More](#)



Flexibility on direct install measures -

BPA is providing temporary guidance on its direct install measures due to limitations created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Until the end of calendar year 2020, BPA will allow measures eligible for the direct install distribution channel to be documented remotely... [More](#)

General**Hemp in the Energy Efficiency Program -**

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. Based on this 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.... [More](#)

Updated Options 1 and 2 Custom Project Calculators now available -

New versions of the custom project calculators are available on bpa.gov. A custom measure for the retrofit version of the residential heat pump water heater measure were added to the latest versions. In addition, a bug was corrected in the Option 2 Custom Project Calculator relating to the Cost Cap formula in the Funding and Input Summary tab. An error was discovered in a formula that would cause the calculations to fail when using residential custom measures. The prior versions of these calculators (O1 v5.1 and O2 v4.0) can still be reported to BPA; however, BPA suggests using O1 v5.11 and O2 v4.01.
