

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

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Events

Save the Date: 2020 virtual regional utility roundtable

This fall's virtual regional utility roundtable dates are set and the kickoff meeting is just two weeks away. BPA will hold roundtables in a virtual format via Webex to maintain the health and safety of the region and BPA employees. BPA facilitates these annual gatherings to hear direct feedback from our public utility customers regarding various important energy efficiency topics. Logistics will be available soon.

Your energy efficiency representative will contact you with a calendar invite. We look forward to you and your fellow utility representatives joining the BPA energy-efficiency team for discussions on topics focused on your utility and end-use customers...[More](#)

General

In case you missed it yesterday, celebrate energy-efficiency day with BPA

Join the energy-efficiency community to celebrate EE day by implementing these no-cost, [low-cost energy-saving tips](#). These are also excellent tips to consider while working from home. Save some money and energy, while supporting the energy-conservation efforts of the region.

Corrections to Industrial sector BPA-qualified calculators

On Oct. 1, 2020, BPA released updated versions of three calculators in the IM Document Library under the Industrial sector. The [Battery Charger Calculator](#), [Welder Upgrade Calculator](#) and the [Leak Abatement Tool](#) now include a BC-Ratio output field for entry into Column U of the Unit Energy Savings Measure Upload template. Reach out to your Energy Smart Industrial Partner or energy efficiency representative with questions about these corrections or a project calculator that needs to be migrated into the new version.



UPDATE: BPA’s new energy-efficiency tracking system has reached a new phase

The BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking System, or BEETS, project has been approved to transition to the execution phase, BPA will work with the vendor, Applied Energy Group, to start configuring and testing the new system. BPA targets to complete the execution phase by the end of the fiscal year. BPA is considering related work streams that could affect the actual BEETS go-live date with utilities. BPA is factoring into their decision considerations like rate period IM changes, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s 8th Power Plan, and utility availability for training. BPA hopes to have a tentative target launch date determined in the coming months. If you have any questions regarding BEETS, please reach out to your energy efficiency representative.

Reminders

Checkout the updated IS 2.0 files!

To kick off the new fiscal year, BPA has updated several of the IS 2.0 files. There are new versions of the Summarizer Tool, the Unit Energy Savings, or UES, Upload file, and the Option 1 and Option 2 Custom Project calculators located on the [IS 2.0 files webpage](#). The Summarizer Tool will work in conjunction with the new UES measure list and the updated files. Please note that the latest versions of the UES Upload and Custom Project calculators are not mandatory since invoicing the old versions can continue this rate period.

The changes to the IS 2.0 files include the latest version of the measure list embedded as a separate tab and the custom project calculators now have a bug fix that will flag incomplete zip codes when entered. In the Option 1 Custom Project calculator, BPA also corrected some formatting on the Proposal tab and restricted formatting of some input cells to ensure users enter numbers only. BPA encourages the adoption of the new versions of these IS 2.0 files at your earliest convenience.

New version of Unit Energy Savings measure list

A new version (9.0) of the Unit Energy Savings, or UES, measure list is [on the BPA website](#). It includes new and updated measures added to the Oct. 1, 2020 Implementation Manual update—residential multifamily and commercial packaged terminal heat pumps, commercial heat pump water heaters, and residential centrally ducted air conditioners. The accompanying Peak Savings and CO2 Emissions Detail reference document has been updated with these measures as well.

Nonresidential Lighting Calculator updated

Version 5.1 of the nonresidential lighting calculator is on bpa.gov and is ready for use beginning Oct. 1, 2020. Version 5.1 incorporates several performance-related improvements and does not include changes to incentive levels. Lighting calculator version 5.0 is still available for use through Dec. 31, 2021. Please direct any questions regarding the new lighting calculator to the BPA lighting team at lighting@bpa.gov.

Residential Weatherization and Contractor Infrastructure Assessment

The [Residential Weatherization and Contractor Infrastructure Assessment](#) is available now on the Residential sector [Weatherization](#) page. This report will help BPA target Comfort Ready Home services to areas with the greatest potential for weatherization and recommend approaches to meet those needs. A regional assessment and sub-region-specific recommendations are also included in the report to help utilities consider their future residential weatherization goals.

New Opportunities in the Industrial Sector Guide now available

The [New Opportunities Guide in the Industrial Sector](#) is now available on bpa.gov. The guide will help inform utility customers on priority industrial energy-efficiency measures. Priority measures include custom projects, strategic energy management and prescriptive offers targeting common industrial systems. The guide also has marketing, user groups and customer service resources. If you have questions about the New Opportunities Guide in the Industrial Sector, please contact your energy efficiency representative.
