

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

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Events

BPA Webinar: Comfort Ready Home Marketing Tools

Please join us for a one-hour discussion on how marketing tools from BPA and Comfort Ready Home can support your weatherization program. Your guidance on how these tools can be enhanced and used in the market over time will be crucial to bolstering weatherization programs in the Northwest. [More...](#)

Momentum Savings & market research quarterly call rescheduled to December

Please note the quarterly call has been rescheduled to Thursday, Dec. 17 from 9-10 a.m. The BPA market research team will introduce new team members, present some fundamental concepts of Momentum Savings and share details of its FY2021 work plan that covers multiple markets and technologies. [Visit this webpage for meeting details](#). Hope you can attend!

Save the Date: 2020 virtual regional utility roundtable

This fall's virtual regional utility roundtable dates are scheduled. 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.

Your energy efficiency representative will contact you with a calendar invite for your regional roundtable. 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...](#)

NW Ductless Heat Pump Project offers new installer trainings

The NW Ductless Heat Pump Project is offering a [fall webinar series](#) on best practices for cold climate and extended-capacity ductless systems.

Program Updates



Momentum Savings projects move forward in four markets

Now that BPA's Market Research and Momentum Savings team is fully staffed, they have been busy on the following four projects:

- **Nonresidential lighting:** The final update of the nonresidential lighting market model for the Seventh Power Plan period is in progress and the work will conclude in early 2022. The model update will provide robust data about changes in lighting energy consumption over the Plan period's entirety.
- **Commercial HVAC:** Starting in early 2021, the team will begin collecting publicly available building permits to gain insight into technologies used in major renovation and new construction projects.
- **Adjustable speed drives:** BPA recently embarked on a market characterization project for adjustable speed drives and is currently conducting market actor interviews.
- **Residential HVAC:** BPA is also validating and updating its residential HVAC model assumptions by analyzing 2019 regional distributor sales data, interviewing market actors on changes in the industry in response to COVID-19, collecting shipment data for **smart thermostat products** and developing model assumptions and inputs for **insulation**.

Please email your questions or requests for additional information on any of these research areas to momentumsavings@bpa.gov.

Reminders

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.
