

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements December 17, 2020

Note: BPA Energy Efficiency will not distribute the weekly announcements on Dec. 24 or Dec. 30. If there is necessary communication that needs to be sent, you will be contacted directly by your energy efficiency representative. The next distribution for the weekly announcements will be Jan. 7, 2021.

Events

BPA webinar: Residential ductless heat pumps in the next rate period

Join BPA for a webinar from noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7. During this webinar, presenters will outline BPA's proposed residential ductless heat pump, or DHP, specification...[More](#)

Save the date for Efficiency Exchange: May 25-27, 2021

Efficiency Exchange 2021, or EFX21, is going virtual! Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected about ways to keep efficiency a viable and visible tool. EFX21 — the premier event for the Northwest energy community to convene, trade ideas and share best practices — is a key opportunity to make that connection and continue the spirit of collaboration in the virtual world. Energy-efficiency professionals in the Northwest will have the opportunity to network and participate in the conference from the comfort of their own home.

Mark your calendars for May 25-27, 2021 and look for an invitation to submit topics for sessions in early January!

The 2022 conference will take place at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho when the region can safely gather again.



Program Updates

BPA to launch the Comfort Ready Home program and website

The Comfort Ready Home program and [website](#) go live on Monday, Dec. 21. This program is a partnership between BPA and utilities in the Northwest, and focuses on residential weatherization and affordable energy-efficiency opportunities in the region. Comfort Ready Home also provides contractors, utilities and homeowners with the resources, tools, connections and support needed to create safer, healthier homes through weatherization, HVAC and water-heating upgrades. Get to know Comfort Ready Home better [here](#) as of Dec. 21.

For more information about the program, please contact your energy efficiency representative.

General

Summarizer tool update

Based on utility feedback, BPA corrected a minor programming detail in the Summarizer tool. If a user of the tool reported a Unit Energy Savings Low - Income measure and put an invalid value in the repair cost field, the Summarizer returned an error. BPA corrected the programming to treat non-numeric data entries as zeros.

As a reminder, with any BPA calculators, extra spaces in any of cells, including blank ones, will result in errors. This also applies to the Summarizer tool.

[Follow this link to download the updated Summarizer.](#)

Reminders

Performance Tested Comfort Systems remote quality assurance inspections

The Performance Tested Comfort Systems program, or PTCS, is piloting remote quality assurance, or QA, inspections of PTCS air source heat pumps to improve the program and reduce costs. To increase uptake across the region, PTCS is offering a \$250 contractor Sales Performance Incentive Fund, or SPIF...[More](#)

BPA to collect commercial HVAC data from building permits

Starting in January 2021, BPA’s market research and Momentum Savings team will begin collecting HVAC equipment specifications and other building characteristics — from a sample of publicly available building permits — for commercial new construction and major renovation projects. These data offers better insight into how the commercial HVAC market is changing over time. It also provides a better estimate of regional commercial HVAC electricity consumption and the occurring Momentum Savings. BPA expects to make the collected HVAC data available as a regional public resource in late spring 2021. Please email your questions or comments to momentumsavings@bpa.gov.

Market research and Momentum Savings to benefit from expert panel review

In 2019, BPA decided to increase the external review of market research work. DNV GL Energy Insights USA, Inc. won the contract to recruit and manage panels of subject matter experts who will further analyze our market research and Momentum Savings modeling efforts. BPA continues to strive to ensure our work is as technically robust as possible, thereby offering a more reliable power resource for the region. Email questions or comments to momentumsavings@bpa.gov.

Utility Sounding Board member update

Selection of new Utility Sounding Board, or USB, representatives was made during the November USB meeting. BPA and the USB sincerely thank the outgoing members for their exemplary service to represent their utilities and the region on a variety of important energy-efficiency topics. Click [here](#) for more information.

Outgoing members:

- Joe Hull, Midstate Electric Cooperative
- Mattias Jarvegren, Clallam County PUD

New members:

- Jason Bird, Idaho Falls Power
- Tyler Boehringer, Emerald PUD
- Charlie DeSalvo, Columbia REA