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EPA Clean Power Plan **111(d) EM&V Comments** **-Update**

NEEP staff are in the process of drafting comments on EPA's proposed 111(d) EM&V guidance and Model Rule in coordination with other regional EE organizations, ACEEE, and other national organizations, including air regulatory representation from the Forum region. NEEP will provide an overview of the draft comments at the next Forum Quarterly Projects Committee meeting on



A few Forum notes to gobble up before you break for turkey (or tofurkey) day...

2016 Forum Planning Update

The Forum held a Project Planning Committee meeting on November 17 to review and discuss a range of proposed 2016 projects and deliverables for participating states to consider and provide feedback. The meeting included state regulatory/official staff and program administrator representatives. The projects and deliverables are consistent with a broader multi-year strategic plan (2016-18) and revenue structure that was generally supported by the Steering Committee this past summer, and further revised and presented on October 19 for additional Steering Committee input. A summary of the Forum Steering Committee October 19 meeting can be viewed

December 11. In the meantime, if you are interested in seeing a draft version of the comments, please contact Julie at jmichals@neep.org. Comments are due to EPA by January 21, 2016.

Forum Team Staff Update

The Forum's REED Manager, Pat Wallace, has left NEEP to take a position at the MA Clean Energy Center where he will help to manage the MA SREC database. We will miss Pat, and appreciate his contributions to managing REED this past year. Please join us in wishing Pat well in his new job. See the REED update herein on key activities for balance of year.

Transitioning into the position of handling the REED data collection for program year 2014 is our Forum Associate, Colin Walker, cwalker@neep.org. For those in charge of data collection for REED, please be on the lookout for communication from Colin.

Heads-up: Forthcoming Forum products

- **Net Savings Guidelines** - Coming in December
- **Changing EM&V Paradigm Report** - Final report forthcoming in early December,

on the Forum's [Private Portal](#) (see Steering Committee page.)

The November 17 Planning Committee presentation of projects, deliverables and budget, along with meeting notes, is available by [clicking here](#) and also on the [private portal](#). Overall, the proposed plan for 2016-2018 was well received by the states with action items as follows:

November 17, 2015 Forum Planning Update Meeting Action Items:

1. Planning Committee to email Julie at jmichals@neep.org with any further comments or questions on the proposed 2016 agenda and deliverables.
2. NEEP to confer with the Steering Committee regarding whether states not participating in the Forum should have access to Forum projects, or should these be accessible only via the Forum private portal (i.e., not on the public website).
3. NEEP to follow up with Forum states regarding interest in testing the standardized EM&V Methods forms. States should contact Julie at jmichals@neep.org for more information.
4. NEEP will follow up with each state individually in order to confirm interest in the 2016 Project Agenda, prior to the next Steering Committee call in December.

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Forum Meetings (and other NEEP meeting of potential interest)

- **December 2 at 11:00am - 12:30pm:** Incremental Cost - Emerging Technology Subcommittee Teleconference
- **December 4 at 10:30am:** Mid-Atlantic TRM Subcommittee Teleconference

and will be presented at the [ACEEE Intelligent Efficiency Conference](#)



Private Portal Access

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EM&V Repository

Check out the current repository (October 2015) on our website. To view the

- **December 11 at 9:30am - 11:30am:** Projects Committee Quarterly Meeting. Please [click here](#) to register for the webinar. Agenda:
 - Forum 2016 Plan – Looking forward...
 - EPA Clean Power Plan 111(d) Comments on Draft EM&V Guidance – status report on draft comments
 - Residential Lighting – Comparison and Analysis of Key Savings Assumptions across States
 - Changing EM&V Paradigm report
 - Net Savings Guidelines
- **December 15/16 TBD:** Loadshape Catalog Subcommittee Teleconference
- **December 22 at 11:00am - 12:00pm:** Forum Steering Committee call to adopt 2016 Agenda and Budget

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Upcoming Webinars/Conferences

- **December 6 - December 8 2015:** [ACEEE Intelligent Efficiency Conference](#) - Boston, MA
- **December 8 at 12:00pm - 4:00pm:** AESP Online Conference on Big Data: *Not the Big Bang Theory*. To register, [click here](#).
- **December 9 at 12noon - 1:00pm:** First Fuel Webinar: *How Analytics can Help Utilities Meet their 2016 Objectives*. Register [here](#)
- **December 16 at 2:00pm:** *Learning from the Past to Inform Future Work: Trends in Behavior-based Efficiency Programs*. To register, [click here](#).
- **February 1 - February 4 2016:** [AESP 26th National Conference & Expo](#) - Phoenix, AZ

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Forum Documents Out for Review

The Forum invites you to review the Net Savings Draft

repository, look for this icon:



We need your help! Please contact [Colin Walker](#) with any recently completed or posted evaluation studies from your state.

In Case You Missed It:
The 2015 BECC
Conference

The BECC 2015 program included more than 150 speakers for our plenary and topic sessions, presenting state-of-the-art information available in no other forum. In addition to the speakers, BECC had over 60 poster presentations, multiple workshops, and a traditional fun film festival.

To purchase the complete conference or certain presentations, [click here](#).

Recent Forum Products!

Forum members – we hope you find these Forum products useful for

Report – subcommittee comments due to [Elizabeth Titus](#) no later than December 7.

To review these draft reports, please contact the project managers noted above, or you can log onto the [Forum Private Portal](#) and navigate to the [Project Subcommittee landing page](#). Once there, please follow the directions posted to locate the draft documents.

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Forum Project Updates

These short takes on Forum projects, along with subcommittee communications, are intended to keep you posted on the status of all active Forum Projects. If you have any questions regarding any projects or supporting materials, please contact Julie Michals at jmichals@neep.org.

Forum Project Schedule: See the [2015 project schedule here](#)

PD13-1 Net Savings: The draft guidance document, now posted to the private portal, has been distributed to the subcommittee for review, with comments due no later than December 7. Final guidelines will be presented to the Steering Committee in December. The document presents overarching principles along with background on policy trends and options that stakeholders face relating to net and gross savings.

PD15-1 Regional Energy Efficiency Database: The program year 2014 data collection and QA/QC process is well underway. As of right now, we have received the required data from all but 3 states, and hope to receive the remaining data by early December. Please check your inboxes for messages from Colin Walker, the REED data collection point person, regarding questions on your state's data. For states that have returned the data collection forms, thank you! If you have any questions, please contact [Colin Walker](#) at cwalker@neep.org.

PD15-2 EM&V Methods: This Forum project focuses on one key area: the Standardized EM&V Methods reporting project.

With completion of the [Standardized EM&V Methods Reporting](#)

incorporating new savings or cost assumptions into your TRMs, or to help inform your program designs or program and EM&V plan

1. [Home Energy Management Systems](#) (HEMS) and associated [spreadsheet](#) assessing HEMS technology
2. [Commercial Refrigeration Loadshape Project](#) and the associated [ASDH spreadsheet](#) and [Motor spreadsheet](#)
3. [Early Replacement Measure Life Study](#)

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[Forms](#) pilot for MA last month, NEEP is now in discussion with a couple of other states to give the forms a test for 1-2 of their programs, using both the *Program Level* and *Study Level* forms. With additional testing and state input to complement the feedback from the MA pilot, NEEP will be in a position to move forward with Cadmus Group (contractor to project) to review the forms and develop Version 2.0. NEEP will provide a brief update on status of additional testing at the Dec 11 quarterly meeting.

PD15-3 EM&V Paradigm: The draft report was released for comment on November 10, with comments due Nov 24 (tomorrow). A final report will be issued in mid-December followed by a presentation at the [ACEEE Intelligent Efficiency Conference](#) in Boston on Dec 8-9, and then a Forum wide webinar on Dec 11 as part of the Projects Committee meeting. For background material, see the [presentation](#) provided by DNV GL in July 2015 that introduced the changing EM&V landscape.

RE14-1 Early Replacement / Measure Life Research: **Final report now available as a Forum Product on the NEEP website.** This unique research by Evergreen Economics and Michaels Energy spanning multiple states and residential gas and electric efficiency programs investigated remaining useful life of residential HVAC equipment – what customers and manufacturers think and methods and assumptions from program administrators. It proposes – and applies – a more accurate method for furnaces, boilers and central AC. It also provides insights pertaining to program design and discusses the savings and cost-effectiveness implications of the study findings.

RE15-2 Incremental Cost (Emerging Technologies): At the next (early-December) subcommittee meeting, ERS will present research strategies and progress made in research on the first five measure categories included in this project, as well as fielding any questions regarding preliminary suggestions for the research strategies for the second five measures. A memo from ERS, project consultant, identifying the 10 measure categories that are being investigated and discussing research strategies planned for the first five measure categories is now available on

the private portal. The next memo which will discuss research strategies for the second five measure categories will be delivered prior to the subcommittee meeting scheduled for Dec 2.

RE15-4 Geo-targeting Based on discussions from VT and MA (project funders) and suggestion from MA DPU, this project will not be conducted this year. Continued work by the Forum on the topic of geo-targeting is being discussed with the Forum Planning Committee as part of the Forum's 2016-18 rolling agenda. More information to be shared on this in Q1 2016.

RE15-5 Loadshape Data Catalog: The Scope of Work for Phase 2, which includes cataloging loadshape parameters and identifying information gaps, posted on the private portal, has been approved by the subcommittee. A contractor has been invited to prepare a proposal, which will be reviewed by the subcommittee meeting in early December, in expectation that project launch will take place in or before January 2016.

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Please contact us with any comments or questions!

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