



MEMORANDUM

TO: Northeast Appliance Efficiency Standards Stakeholders
FROM: David Lis, Appliance Standards Project Manager, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
DATE: January, 4, 2010
RE: Preview of 2010 Federal Appliance Standards Activity

2010 is expected to be a busy year at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in Washington D.C. In an effort to catch up on a number of overdue federal appliance standard updates, the DOE has promised to redouble its activity. NEEP's Northeast Appliance Efficiency Standards Project participates in this public stakeholder process by working to bring a Northeast perspective to a coalition of national efficiency organizations advocating for strong federal appliance standards. NEEP promotes positions that are shaped by the unique realities of our region, including the particular market, program or policy circumstances that exist. While minimum efficiency standards offer an intelligent strategy to achieve a number of positive benefits (significant energy and emission reductions, while saving consumers money) for our states and country, we constantly strive to build as broad a coalition as possible to promote their powerful benefits. This is why your participation is so crucial. A diverse coalition greatly enhances the credibility and strength of our positions, improving our chances of affecting particular rulemakings.

The Federal rulemaking process typically takes three years, beginning with a **Framework Workshop**, followed about 18 months later with a **Preliminary Technical Support Document**, then, 12 months later, a **Notification of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR)**, and, after another six months, a **Final Rule**. The first three steps include agency notice and public comment opportunity. The Final Rule announces the energy-efficiency standards and their effective date(s), typically three years following the publication date.

It has been our historical practice to participate in the multi-year rulemaking process through attending the DOE's public workshops, analyzing the materials developed by the DOE and offering a regional perspective through written comments. Your input and support of these comments have helped the project and region deliver a unified message to the DOE on a number of recent rulemaking stages, including residential central air conditioners (Framework), fluorescent lamps (NOPR), and residential clothes washers (Framework).

In order to enable broader participation from Northeast appliance standards stakeholders, NEEP has prepared a rough schedule of federal rulemaking activity for 2010 (attached). By offering this list of products and the expected timeline to our partners at the state energy offices, advocacy organizations, utility/efficiency program sponsors and other stakeholders we hope our outreach for support at various stages will be more anticipated and allow for adequate time to respond in a considered manner.

While there will be additional rulemakings occurring in 2010, NEEP's will actively participate in the product rulemakings that project the most savings and/or present unique opportunities for the states in our region. Please note that several of the products included in the 2010 table were scheduled for completion in 2009. These products are expected to be addressed in the first half of 2010.

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Anticipated Schedule for DOE's 2010 Rulemakings¹

Appliance	Stage of Rulemaking ²	NEEP's Anticipated Role	Expected Date NEEP will solicit input/support
Residential Refrigerator/ Freezer	Preliminary TSD	Attended Public workshop, developing comments	Early January
	NOPR (Due June, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	June/July
	Final Rule (Due December, 2010)		
Residential Water Heaters	NOPR	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	January/ February
	Final Rule (Due March, 2010)		
Metal Halide Lamp Fixtures	Framework Document (Due January, 2009)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q1-Q2
	Preliminary TSD (Due July, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q3-Q4
Clothes Dryers/ Room Air Conditioners	Preliminary TSD (Due November, 2009)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q1-Q2
	NOPR (Due October, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q3-Q4
Residential Central AC/ Heat Pumps	Preliminary TSD (Due November, 2009)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q1-Q2
	NOPR (Due October, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q3-Q4
Battery Chargers/ Class-A External Power Supplies	Preliminary TSD (Due February, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q2-Q3
Residential Clothes Washers	Preliminary TSD (Due June, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q3-Q4
Residential Furnaces ³	NOPR	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	Q3-Q4
Residential Furnaces Fans	Framework Document (Due December, 2010)	Will attend workshop/ develop comments	December

¹ For a more complete list of scheduled rulemakings, visit Appliance Standards Awareness Project's (ASAP) website; <http://www.standardsasap.org/documents/DOE%20schedule%20-%202006%20to%202011%20oct%2009%20update.pdf>. For more detailed information about the rulemaking status of specific products, visit the DOE's Standards website; [Building Technologies Program: Appliances and Commercial Equipment Standards](#).

² Dates in parentheses represent targeted due dates developed by DOE.

³ DOE agreed to reopen Furnace docket following law suit brought against the legality of the 2007 final rule