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Document Title:	Notice of Staff Workshop and 60-Day Comment Period for Commercial Ovens
Description:	This is to notify that CEC staff will host a public workshop to discuss draft standards and analysis for commercial ovens. This notice also invites interested members of the public to submit comments about the draft staff report for commercial ovens.
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Notice of Staff Workshop and 60-Day Pre-Rulemaking Comment Period for Proposed Commercial Ovens Standards

December 14, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Remote Access via Zoom™

https://zoom.us/ Meeting ID: **890 7131 9770** Passcode: **167331**
Remote participation instructions are below.

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will host a public workshop to discuss draft standards and analysis for commercial ovens and to seek comments from interested members of the public regarding the draft staff report, *Analysis of Proposed Efficiency Standards for Commercial Ovens.* The draft staff report for commercial ovens includes standards under consideration and staff's analysis of possible benefits, costs, other impacts, and alternatives. The proposed standards for commercial ovens would be considered as amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 1601 through 1609).

The public can participate in the workshop by following the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time, depending in part on the number of participants that provide oral public commentary during the event.

The draft staff report was published on November 25, 2026, and public comments will be accepted both orally at the workshop and in writing up to January 29, 2027. Instructions for accessing the draft staff report and for submitting comments are provided below.

Agenda
The workshop will include staff presentations on the proposed standards and staff analysis for commercial ovens. It will also include a discussion segment and an opportunity for public comments. A detailed meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop to the Commercial Ovens Docket Log, at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-03.

Background

On August 10, 2023, the CEC issued an order instituting rulemaking (OIR) to consider establishing efficiency standards, test procedures, marking requirements, and other efficiency measures for commercial food service equipment, including commercial steam cookers, commercial dishwashers, commercial convection ovens, and commercial fryers.[1]

On November 14, 2023, the CEC issued a request for information (RFI) and invitation to submit proposals (ITSP) for commercial food service equipment to seek information from the public and invite interested members of the public to submit proposals. This RFI and ITSP specifically requested information about commercial convection ovens and not other commercial oven types.[2]

On September 4, 2024, the CEC issued an additional RFI and ITSP for commercial ovens to seek information from the public and invite interested members of the public to submit proposals. This RFI and ITSP expanded the scope of commercial ovens to include not only commercial convection ovens but also other types of commercial ovens.[3]

During those two comment periods, CEC staff received proposals and feedback regarding commercial ovens from the following:

- Earthjustice (November 26, 2024)[4]
- IOU CASE Team (November 25, 2024)[5]
- Appliance Standards Awareness Project (ASAP) (October 25, 2024)[6]
- American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) (October 25, 2024)[7]
- Revent Inc. (October 25, 2024)[8]
- UNOX (October 25, 2024)[9]

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1 Order Instituting Rulemaking Commercial Food Service Equipment, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=251567&DocumentContentId=86454.

2 Request for Information and Invitation to Submit Proposals for Commercial Food Service Equipment, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253089&DocumentContentId=88297.

3 Request for Information and Invitation to Submit Proposals for Commercial Ovens, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=258972&DocumentContentId=95036.

4 Earthjustice, Earthjustice Comments on Title 20 Commercial Oven Efficiency Standards, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=260295&DocumentContentId=96514.

5 IOU CASE Team, CA IOUs Comments – Food Service T20 CASE Report RFI Response Commercial Ovens, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=260264&DocumentContentId=96480.

6 ASAP and ACEEE, ASAP ACEEE Commercial Ovens RFI Comments, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=259689&DocumentContentId=95834.

7 Ibid.

8 Revent Inc., Revent Incorporated Comments, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=259688&DocumentContentId=95833.

9 UNOX, UNOX Comments on Commercial Ovens RFI, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=259684&DocumentContentId=95829.

- Frontier Energy (February 14, 2024)[10]
- North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) (February 13, 2024)[11]
- ITW Food Equipment Group (December 19, 2023)[12]

Staff evaluated all received comments and proposals, conducted market research, performed technical and cost-benefit analysis, and prepared a draft staff report for proposed standards for commercial ovens posted to Docket 26-AAER-03, available at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov//Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-03.

Attendance Instructions

Participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on https://energy.zoom.us/j/89071319770?pwd=uVOcYpWTkjR5m8DEAmEd0GJ4ABNXMc.1 or login in at https://zoom.us/ enter the Webinar ID **890 7131 9770** and passcode **167331** and follow all prompts.
- **To join by telephone.** Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID **890 7131 9770** and passcode **167331.**

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Public Comment. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket: "26-AAER-03 Add Comment" at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-03. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document consistent with California Code of Regulations, section 1208.1, including Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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10 Frontier Energy, Frontier Energy Comments for RFI on Commercial Food Service Equipment, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254443&DocumentContentId=89831.

11 North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers, NAFEM Comments on RFI and ITSP for Commercial Food Service Equipment, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=254428&DocumentContentId=89813.

12 ITW Food Equipment Group, ITW-Hobart Comments for Docket # 23-AAER-01, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253672&DocumentContentId=88922.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. Any comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2027. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include Docket Number 26-AAER-03 and Commercial Ovens in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

Paper copy comments may be mailed to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 26-AAER-03
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General and Technical Subject Inquiries. Email Junhui Huang at junhui.huang@energy.ca.gov or David Johnson at david.johnson@energy.ca.gov. The CEC's Appliance Efficiency Branch can also be contacted by phone at (916) 651-7100.

Availability of Documents. Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at Commercial Ovens Docket Log, at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov//Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-AAER-03.
When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the "Appliance Efficiency Standards" subscription list. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscriptions topics, visit Subscriptions, at https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions.

Dated: November 25, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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