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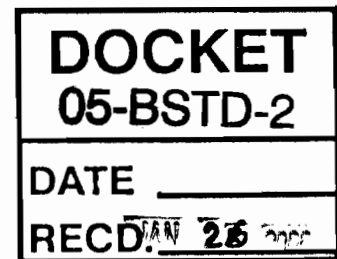


Notice of Staff Workshop 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to present the goals, plans and expected scope for the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings (Standards)(California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 6) and obtain public suggestions and comment on potential revisions to the Standards.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005
10:00 a.m.
 and
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005
9:30 a.m.

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(Wheelchair accessible)



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This notice, the workshop agenda, and other related documents will be posted to the project website, www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards. Please check the website periodically for additional information. Interested persons may sign up on a list server at that website to receive email updates about the 2008 Standards.

Purpose

At this workshop, staff and project contractors will present methodologies for analyzing proposed changes, proposed key topic areas to be addressed in this Standards update, the plans and schedule for the project, a template for formally proposing changes to the Standards, and other information. Workshop participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about this information and to make comments and suggestions.

The Energy Commission updates the Building Energy Efficiency Standards on a three-year cycle. This is the first in a series of workshops to obtain public input through which potential revisions to the Standards will be identified and discussed. At the end of this series of workshops, the Energy Commission will conduct a formal rulemaking proceeding

expecting to adopt the updated Standards in 2007. The Standards are expected to go into effect in the latter part of 2008.

Background

California energy policy places high priority on substantial updating of the Standards in the 2008 and subsequent update cycles.

The key elements of this energy policy are contained in the following:

- California's Energy Action Plan is developed jointly by the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission with active participation from other state agencies with energy-related responsibilities. The Energy Action Plan establishes energy efficiency as the resource of first choice for meeting California's energy needs (i.e., energy efficiency is at the "top of the loading order"). On September 21, 2005, the Commissions adopted Energy Action Plan II, which directs the Energy Commission to adopt new building standards for implementation in 2008 that include, in addition to new energy efficiency measures, cost effective demand response technologies (such as programmable communicating thermostats) and the integration of photovoltaic systems. The Energy Action Plan II can be viewed at www.energy.ca.gov/energy_action_plan.
- The Integrated Energy Policy Report is the Energy Commission's biennial report to the Legislature that assesses California's major energy trends and issues and makes policy recommendations to conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure reliable, secure, and diverse energy supplies, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety. In September the Energy Commission released the Committee draft 2005 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR). The draft 2005 IEPR concludes that maintaining adequate electricity reserves for California will be difficult over the next few years as the state's demand intensifies, and the high demand for natural gas is likely to continue to cause high prices for natural gas. The draft 2005 IEPR places top priority on energy efficiency to combat both electricity and natural gas problems. The draft IEPR finds that Standards are the most cost effective means to achieve energy efficiency and expects the Building Energy Efficiency Standards to continue to be upgraded over time to reduce electricity and peak demand. The draft IEPR also recognizes the role of the Standards in reducing energy related to meeting California's water needs and in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Committee Draft 2005 Integrated Energy Policy Report is available at www.energy.ca.gov/2005_energypolicy/documents.
- In November 2004 California's Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joined with the governors of Washington and Oregon to approve the West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative. The Initiative commits to a series of tri-state collaborative actions including adding aggressive energy efficiency measures into updates of state building codes, with a goal of achieving at least 15 additional savings by 2015 in each state. Information about the West Coast Governors' Global Warming Initiative can be found at www.climatechange.ca.gov/westcoast.
- In December 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-20-04, the Green Building Initiative, which lays out a comprehensive set of actions for California to improve the energy efficiency of nonresidential buildings. The Energy

Commission is directed to undertake all actions within its authority to increase the efficiency requirements in the Building Energy Efficiency Standards for nonresidential buildings by 20 percent by 2015. More information about the Green Building Initiative is posted at www.energy.ca.gov/greenbuilding.

- In June 2005 Governor Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-3-05, the Climate Action Initiative, which establishes California as a world leader by setting greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. The ambitious goals are to reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions to 2000 levels by 2010 and to 1990 levels by 2020, and to reduce 1990 levels by 80 percent by 2050. Increased requirements in the Building Energy Efficiency Standards are identified as an explicit strategy in a portfolio of actions that will be necessary to meet these goals. More information about the Climate Action Initiative can be found at www.climatechange.ca.gov.

The Energy Commission will pursue these objectives through development of Building Energy Efficiency Standards improvement proposals for several "key topic areas," which will be highlighted at the workshops. Priority will be placed on proposals resulting from the Energy Commission Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program, the Codes and Standards Enhancement (CASE) Initiatives of the utilities' statewide Codes and Standards program, and proposals developed by the Energy Commission's Buildings and Appliances Office and its technical consultant contract. In addition to proposals for major revisions to the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, the Energy Commission will consider suggestions and comments related to improvement of the effectiveness or clarity of the Standards and associated documents (including the Alternative Calculation Method Approval Manuals and the Joint Appendices).

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by noon on Thursday, October 20, 2005. The Energy Commission encourages comments by electronic mail. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them on letterhead in either Microsoft Word or Portable Document Format (PDF) to ehbert@energy.state.ca.us. Please include "2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards [suggestions] or [comments]" in the subject line and first paragraph of your comments. Interested persons may also send comments by postal mail. Please hand deliver or mail an original and 10 copies of the comments to

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Please include your name, organization and contact information.

Participants may also deliver the original and 10 copies of the comments at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials related to this workshop will become part of the public record.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

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