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Introduction

The *Revised Staff Draft Guidelines - School Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance Program Guidelines* (Revised Draft Program Guidelines) are now available on the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus (SEES) [program page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/school-energy-efficiency-stimulus-sees-program-assembly-bill-841), <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/school-energy-efficiency-stimulus-sees-program-assembly-bill-841>.

The Revised Draft Program Guidelines provide requirements for program participation including eligible applicants and projects, the application process, funding awards and distribution, project documentation, and reporting for the School Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SNPFA) Program. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is requesting public comment on the Revised Draft Program Guidelines.

Background

Enacted by Assembly Bill 841 (Ting, Chapter 372, Statutes of 2020) in September 2020, the SEES Program consists of two new grant programs – the SNPFA Program and the School Reopening Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair Program. The SNPFA Program will provide funding to local educational agencies and California state agencies to replace aging and inefficient plumbing fixtures and appliances with water-conserving plumbing fixtures and appliances, prioritizing schools in underserved communities.

The CEC posted the *SNPFA Program Draft Guidelines* (TN 236386) prior to the SNPFA Program Workshop held on January 22, 2021. The SNPFA Program Draft Guidelines were updated based on input from stakeholders at the SNPFA Program Workshop and subsequent comments. In addition to non-substantive edits and format changes, the updates to the Revised Draft Program Guidelines include:

- Revising the application tiers in Chapter 1, Section D.
- Clarifying the number of applications that can be submitted for the program in Chapter 1, Section D.

- Clarifying the requirement on multiple sources of funding in Chapter 1, Section D.
- Removing the requirement to provide documentation on the testing for the presence of lead plumbing pipes in Chapter 2, Section D.
- Clarifying the ability of local educational agencies to use in-house staff to complete the work in Chapter 2, Section E.
- Clarifying that additional funding will not be provided for cost overruns in Chapter 2, Section G.
- Changing the project term to 24 months in Chapter 2, Section I.
- Adding the list of self-certifications for the application package and the requirement for a Certificate of Good Standing for Charter School Applicants as part of the supporting documentation for the application package in Chapter 3, Section B.
- Adding the requirements that a contractor estimate may only be for reasonable costs, the original contractor estimate must be submitted with the application package, and LEAs must adhere to their bidding and public contracting requirements in Chapter 3, Section C.
- Providing additional information on ineligible costs section in Chapter 3, Section H.
- Adding the list of self-certifications for the final reporting package in Chapter 4, Section C.
- Adding information on Division of the State Architect requirements in Chapter 5, Section D.

Written Comments

The public and stakeholders are encouraged to review and comment on the Revised Draft Program Guidelines. **Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2021.** Written comments, attachments, and associated contact information, such as address, phone number and email address, become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any Internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/e-filing-and-e-commenting>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

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