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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Laboratory****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting: correction.**SUMMARY:** On October 28, 2011, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of open meeting announcing a

meeting on November 14, 2011, of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Laboratory (76 FR 66917). This document makes a correction to that notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Pence, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS-1203, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415. Phone (208) 526-6518; Fax (208) 526-8789 or email: [pencerl@id.doe.gov](mailto:pencerl@id.doe.gov) or visit the Board's Internet home page at: <http://inlcab.energy.gov/>.

*Correction*

In the **Federal Register** of October 28, 2011, in FR Doc. 2011-27921, on page 66917, please make the following correction:

In that notice under **DATES**, second column, second paragraph, the meeting date was incorrectly stated as Tuesday, November 14, 2011. The statement should be changed to Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Issued at Washington, DC, on October 28, 2011.

**Carol A. Matthews,**  
Committee Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. VHE-001]

#### Publication of the Petition for Waiver From Empire Comfort Systems From the Department of Energy Vented Home Heating Equipment Test Procedure

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Petition for Waiver and Request for Public Comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of and publishes the Empire Comfort Systems Inc. (Empire) petition for waiver (hereafter, "petition") from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure for determining the energy consumption of vented home heating equipment. The waiver request pertains to certain basic models of Empire's condensing type direct heaters. In its petition, Empire provides an alternate test procedure, ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-1993, "Method of Testing for AFUE of Residential Central Furnaces and Boilers." The alternate procedure omits those sections of ANSI/ASHRAE 103-1993 that do not apply to condensing type direct heaters. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning Empire's petition and the suggested alternate test procedure.

**DATES:** DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the Empire Petition until, but no later than December 5, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by case number "VHE-001," by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Email:**  
[AS\\_Waiver\\_Requests@ee.doe.gov](mailto:AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov).

Include the case number [Case No. VHE-001] in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2/J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to review the background documents relevant to this matter, you may visit the U.S. Department of Energy, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., (Resource Room of the Building Technologies Program), Washington, DC, 20024; (202) 586-2945, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Available documents include the following items: (1) This notice; (2) public comments received; (3) the petition for waiver; and (4) prior DOE rulemakings regarding similar refrigerator-freezers. Please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number for additional information regarding visiting the Resource Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael G. Raymond, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mail Stop EE-2J, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9611. Email: [Michael.Raymond@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Raymond@ee.doe.gov).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

Title III, Part B of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), Public Law 94-163 (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309, as codified), established the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles, a program covering most major household appliances, which includes the vented home heating equipment that is the focus of this notice.<sup>1</sup> Part B includes definitions, test procedures, labeling provisions, energy conservation standards, and the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers. Further, Part B authorizes the Secretary of Energy to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce results which measure the energy efficiency, energy use, or estimated annual operating costs of a covered product, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) The test

<sup>1</sup> For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part B was re-designated Part A.

procedure for vented home heating equipment is contained in 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix O.

DOE's regulations for covered products contain provisions allowing a person to seek a waiver for a particular basic model from the test procedure requirements for covered consumer products when (1) The petitioner's basic model for which the petition for waiver was submitted contains one or more design characteristics that prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedure, or (2) when prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption characteristics as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. 10 CFR 430.27(a)(1). Petitioners must include in their petition any alternate test procedures known to the petitioner to evaluate the basic model in a manner representative of its energy consumption characteristics. 10 CFR 430.27(b)(1)(iii).

The Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (the Assistant Secretary) may grant a waiver subject to conditions, including adherence to alternate test procedures. 10 CFR 430.27(l). Waivers remain in effect pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 430.27(m).

##### II. Petition for Waiver of Test Procedure

On July 21, 2011, Empire filed a petition for waiver for new condensing type direct heater models from the test procedure applicable to vented home heating equipment set forth in 10 CFR part 430, Subpart B, Appendix O. Empire is designing direct heaters that incorporate condensing features. In its petition, Empire seeks a waiver from the existing DOE test procedure applicable to its Mantis vented gas fireplace systems under 10 CFR part 430 because the existing test procedure does not account for condensing type heating equipment. Therefore, Empire has asked to use an alternate test procedure, ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 103-1993, "Method of Testing for AFUE of Residential Central Furnaces and Boilers," omitting those sections that cover air temperature rise and static pressure, which cannot be applied to condensing type heating equipment. Empire did not request an interim waiver pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(a)(2).

##### III. Summary and Request for Comments

Through today's notice, DOE announces receipt of Empire's petition for waiver from the DOE test procedure. DOE publishes Empire's petition for waiver pursuant to 10 CFR