

therefore not a significant energy action. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a Statement of Energy Effects.

I. Review Under Executive Order 13175

Executive Order 13175. "Consultation and Coordination with Indian tribal Governments" (65 FR 67249 (Nov. 9, 2000)), requires DOE to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications." "Policies that have tribal implications" refers to regulations that have "substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes." Today's regulatory action is not a policy that has "tribal implications" under Executive Order 13175. DOE has reviewed today's action under Executive Order 13175 and has determined that it is consistent with applicable policies of that Executive Order.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Building Energy Standards Program: Preliminary Determination Regarding Energy Efficiency Improvements in the Energy Standard for Buildings, Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2010

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary determination.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has preliminarily determined that the 2010 edition of the *Energy Standard for Buildings, Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings*, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Standard 90.1-2010, (Standard

90.1-2010 or the 2010 edition) would achieve greater energy efficiency in buildings subject to the code, than the 2007 edition (Standard 90.1-2007 or the 2007 edition). Also, DOE has preliminarily determined that the quantitative analysis of the energy consumption of buildings built to Standard 90.1-2010, as compared with buildings built to Standard 90.1-2007, indicates national source energy savings of approximately 18.2 percent of commercial building energy consumption. Additionally, DOE has preliminarily determined site energy savings are estimated to be approximately 18.5 percent. If these determinations are finalized, States would be required to certify that they have reviewed the provisions of their commercial building code regarding energy efficiency, and as necessary, updated their code to meet or exceed the energy efficiency of Standard 90.1-2010. Additionally, this notice provides guidance to States on Certifications, and Requests for Extensions of Deadlines for Certification Statements, should the preliminary determination be adopted as final.

DATES: Comments on the preliminary determination must be provided by August 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by any of the following methods:

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

- *E-mail:* ASHRAE90.1-2010-DET-0050@ee.doe.gov. Include RIN 1904-AC42 in the subject line of the message.

- *Postal Mail:* Michael Erbesfeld, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed paper original.

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Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name, Department of Energy, and docket number, EERE-2006-BC-0132, or Regulatory Information Number (RIN), 1904-AC42, for this preliminary determination.

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I. Introduction

A. Statutory Requirements

Title III of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended (ECPA), establishes requirements for the Building Energy Efficiency Standards Program. (42 U.S.C. 6831 *et seq.*) Section 304(b), as amended, of ECPA provides that whenever the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1989 (Standard 90.1-1989 or 1989 edition), or any successor to that code, is revised, the Secretary must make a determination, not later than 12 months after such revision, whether the revised code would improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings and must publish notice of such determination in the **Federal Register**. (42 U.S.C. 6833 (b)(2)(A)) The Secretary may determine that the revision of Standard 90.1-1989 or any successor thereof, improves the level of energy efficiency in commercial buildings. If so, then not later than two years after the date of the publication of

such affirmative determination, each State is required to certify that it has reviewed and updated the provisions of its commercial building code regarding energy efficiency with respect to the revised or successor code. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i)) The State must include in its certification a demonstration that the provisions of its commercial building code, regarding energy efficiency, meet or exceed the revised standard. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i))

If the Secretary makes a determination that the revised standard will not improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings, State commercial codes shall meet or exceed the last revised standard for which the Secretary has made a positive determination. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(ii)). Published elsewhere in this **Federal Register** issue is the DOE's final determination updating the reference code to Standard 90.1–2007.

ECPA also requires the Secretary to permit extensions of the deadlines for the State certification if a State can demonstrate that it has made a good faith effort to comply with the requirements of Section 304(c) of ECPA and that it has made significant progress in doing so. (42 U.S.C. 6833(c))

B. Background

1. Publication of Standard 90.1–2010

ASHRAE and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) approved the publication of the 2010 edition of *Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-rise Residential Buildings*, in October 2010.

The Standard was developed under ANSI-approved consensus standard procedures. Standard 90.1 is under continuous maintenance by a Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC) for which the ASHRAE Standard Committee has established a documented program for regular publication of addenda or revisions, including procedures for timely, documented, consensus action on requests for change to any part of the standard. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approves addenda prior to their publication by ASHRAE and IESNA and prior to their inclusion in a new version of Standard 90.1. ANSI approved the final addendum for inclusion in Standard 90.1–2010 on July 24, 2010. Appeals were made to several addenda and the results of the appeals process was not final until October 15, 2010. The 2010 edition was published on October 28, 2010.

2. Analysis Methodology

In arriving at a preliminary determination, the DOE first reviewed all significant changes between the 2010 edition and the 2007 edition of Standard 90.1. Standard 90.1 is complex and covers a broad spectrum of the energy related components and systems in buildings ranging from simple storage buildings to complex hospitals and laboratories. The size of buildings addressed range from those smaller than single family homes to the largest buildings in the world. The approach to development of the standard used in the 2010 edition was not changed from that used for the 2007 edition, with no changes to the scope or the way components are defined. DOE preliminarily determined that because no significant changes were made to the structure, scope, or component definitions of Standard 90.1–2007, a similar methodology used for the analysis of Standard 90.1–2007 could be utilized for the analysis of Standard 90.1–2010, consisting of a qualitative comparison of the textual changes to requirements in Standard 90.1–2010 from Standard 90.1–2007, and a quantitative estimate of the energy savings developed from whole building simulations of a standard set of buildings constructed to both Standards over a range of U.S. climates. DOE used an extension of the procedure used for the Standard 90.1–2007 determination for the quantitative estimate of energy savings. The extension was that additional building types were added to the analysis. DOE used the same simulation tool and data for weighing the results by building type and climate as used for the 90.1–2007 determination.

A discussion of the analysis methodology, which was subject to public comment in 2009, can be found in the Notice of Preliminary Determination for Standard 90.1–2007, which was published in the **Federal Register**. 75 FR 54117 (Sept. 3, 2010)

DOE recognizes that the methodology proposed for the quantitative analysis will be insufficient for determining an absolute quantification of energy savings estimates associated with using Standard 90.1–2010 (e.g., total quads of energy savings) and makes no such claim for the analysis on which this preliminary determination relies. DOE's quantitative analysis includes many of the changes brought about in Standard 90.1–2010 that can be modeled, but this quantitative analysis is not able to quantify accurately all the likely effects of the new standard. In particular, the degree to which the market may react to

certain changes brought about following the adoption of a new building code, and the degree to which different requirements are currently being met or will be met in future construction, are exceedingly difficult to ascertain and would affect the absolute quantification of energy savings. However, DOE believes that the quantitative determination process outlined does provide a reasonable approach to establishing whether, in concert, the changes brought about by ASHRAE Standard 90.1–2010 will result in improved energy efficiency in buildings over ASHRAE Standard 90.1–2007.

DOE continues to believe that the preliminary determination should rely on both quantitative and qualitative comparisons. While quantitative estimates of energy savings are indeed a much preferred method of comparison, it is not always possible to simulate or provide appropriate weighting to many features in Standard 90.1. Therefore, DOE will continue to note changes that individually or in net result in increased energy efficiency, even where they could not be accurately quantified. States can use this information when upgrading their energy codes.

DOE continues to believe that the quantitative analysis should be based on the minimum requirements of each standard that reflect the minimum set of options available in new construction. In assessing the impact of those requirements, DOE also believes that assessment should be based on an estimate of typical construction practices. DOE believes that this has been done in the quantitative analysis.

For this preliminary determination, DOE utilized 5 years of previous building construction data, as developed using proprietary F.W. Dodge building statistical data by building type and by location down to the county level and purchased by DOE, to develop weighting factors to weight the building simulation results. (A summary of the data is available in a PNNL report—PNNL–19116—Jarnagin and Bandyopadhyay, 2010, *Weighting Factors for the Commercial Building Prototypes used in the Development of ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1–2010* at http://www.pnl.gov/main/publications/external/technical_reports/PNNL-19116.pdf.) Past determinations have relied on new construction floor space growth estimates extracted from the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) as the basis for weighting energy savings across building types and regions. DOE believes that for the purpose of this analysis the F.W. Dodge construction data provides better

mapping of actual construction by region and building type than could be obtained using the EIA/NEMS data. In particular, the use of county-level construction data allowed DOE to develop building construction statistics directly reflecting construction in each of the ASHRAE climate regions, avoiding many assumptions on regional construction volume that would be necessary using the EIA/NEMS data.

Consistent with the previous analysis for Standard 90.1–2007, DOE compared versions of Standard 90.1 “as a whole” and did not issue determinations for individual addenda. DOE interprets the language in Section 304(b)(2) of ECPA to mean that when a comprehensive revision of the ASHRAE Standard is published (which in this case is ASHRAE Standard 90.1–2010), then that revised or successor standard triggers the Secretary’s obligation to issue a determination as to whether the revised standard improves energy efficiency. This determination is made by comparing the revised or successor standard to the last predecessor standard. While the addenda process is part of the ongoing maintenance of the standard and thus continually modifies or revises the existing standard over time, it would be an unreasonable reading of the statute to categorize each addenda in this maintenance process as a “revised or successor standard” within the meaning of Section 304(b)(2) of ECPA, so as to require a determination by the Secretary. Such an interpretation of the statute would put an unreasonable burden both on the States and DOE. For the States, a determination by the Secretary requires some State action, and what is required depends upon whether the Secretary issues an affirmative or a negative determination. If the Secretary were required to issue a determination after each addenda was published, the States would be constantly required to change their codes. This would affect the stability and certainty of State commercial building codes.

The statutory language in Section 304(b) of ECPA states that the Secretary is required to make a determination as to whether any successor standard to ASHRAE Standard 90.1–1989 will improve energy efficiency. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(A)) The Secretary must publish a notice of this determination in the **Federal Register**. The language does not require that DOE perform an independent economic analysis as part of the determination process. Section 304(b) of ECPA does not include any reference to language concerning economic justification.

However, Congress did address consideration of the technological feasibility and cost effectiveness of the Voluntary Building Energy Codes. Section 307 of ECPA requires DOE to participate in the ASHRAE process and to assist in determining the cost effectiveness and technical feasibility of the ASHRAE standard. (42 U.S.C. 6836) It also requires DOE to periodically review the economic basis of the voluntary building energy codes and participate in the industry process for review and modification, including seeking adoption of all technologically feasible and economically justified energy efficiency measures. (42 U.S.C. 6836(b))

The fact that the Section 304 of ECPA determination process does not require the Secretary to perform an economic analysis does not diminish the importance that the ASHRAE standards be technologically feasible and economically justified. However, the statute addresses these issues by directing DOE to participate in the ASHRAE process itself.

DOE has chosen to use the same DOE Reference Buildings (formerly called Benchmark buildings) in the quantitative analysis for Standard 90.1–2010 as used in the Standard 90.1–2007 quantitative analysis. The only significant difference is that one additional building model, representing high-rise multi-family construction is now available for use in the analysis.

DOE’s preliminary quantitative determination was carried out using the EnergyPlus building simulation tool. DOE switched to use of EnergyPlus for the Standard 90.1–2007 analysis and has continued to use Energy Plus since then. The current version of Energy Plus, EnergyPlus version 4.0, was used for this preliminary determination.

II. Summary of the Comparative Analysis

DOE carried out both a detailed qualitative analysis and a broad quantitative analysis of the differences between the requirements and the stringencies in the 2007 and the 2010 editions of Standard 90.1.

A. Qualitative Analysis

1. Discussion of Detailed Textual Analysis

DOE performed a detailed analysis of the differences between the textual requirements and stringencies of the 2007 and 2010 editions in the scope of the standard, the building envelope requirements, the building lighting and power requirements, and the building mechanical equipment requirements.

The emphasis of DOE’s detailed requirement and stringency analysis was on looking at the specific changes that ASHRAE made in going from Standard 90.1–2007 to Standard 90.1–2010. ASHRAE publishes changes to their standards as addenda to the preceding standard and then bundles all the addenda together to form the next edition. ASHRAE processed 109 addenda to Standard 90.1–2007 to create Standard 90.1–2010. Each of these addenda was evaluated by DOE in preparing this preliminary determination.

In addition, each standard has multiple ways to demonstrate compliance, including a prescriptive set of requirements by section of the standard, various tradeoff approaches within those same sections, and a whole building performance method (Energy Cost Budget or ECB). For each addendum DOE identified whether it applies to the prescriptive requirements, or one of the tradeoff paths provided for in the envelope, lighting, or mechanical sections, or the ECB whole building performance path. For each addendum DOE identified the impact on the stringency for that path to compliance.

Overall, DOE found that the vast majority of changes made to Standard 90.1–2007 to create Standard 90.1–2010 were positive or neutral (in the context of energy efficiency). Positive changes greatly outweighed the negative energy efficiency changes. Specifically, of the 109 total changes:

- 56 were considered positive,
- 47 were considered neutral,
- 6 were considered negative.

The 56 positive changes greatly overwhelm the 6 negative changes in terms of a simple numerical comparison. In addition, the 6 negative changes were considered to be “minor negatives”, with 19 of the positive changes being considered “major positive” and an additional 37 positive changes being considered “minor positive”. Not only do the positive changes outweigh the negative changes in raw numbers, but also in terms of the estimated impact.

2. Results of Detailed Textual Analysis

Table 1 presents the results of DOE’s addendum-by-addendum analysis of Standard 90.1–2010. Table 6 is a reformatted and slightly modified version of a table in the preliminary qualitative analysis. The complete preliminary qualitative analysis may be found on the DOE codes Web site at http://www.energycodes.gov/status/determinations_com.stm.

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
1	a	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Remove closed cooling tower requirements from 6.8.1G.	0 (clarifies that requirements do not apply to closed cooling towers).
2	b	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Revises exception a to section 6.5.2.3 to allow for codes other than ASHRAE 62.1 to dictate minimum ventilation rates.	Minor – (allows larger minimum ventilation rates if required by other codes).
3	c	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds vivarium to list of spaces that require specific humidity levels to satisfy process needs.	Minor – (allows exception to dehumidification controls for vivariums).
4	d	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 5. Building Envelope; 9. Lighting.	Adds exceptions for Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) and Visible Transmittance (VT) requirements for skylights; adds requirement for including visible light transmittance test results with construction documents; adds information on determining daylit area under skylights, automatic daylighting controls (with exceptions), and submittal requirements.	Major + (requires daylighting controls under skylights and commissioning of daylighting controls).
5	e	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Changes exhaust air energy recovery requirements and harmonizes requirements in simplified section 6.3.2 with requirements in the 6.5 prescriptive path.	Major + (increased use of heat recovery).
6	f	5. Building Envelope	Requires high albedo roofs in hot climates.	Major + (requires cool roofs in hot climates).
7	g	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 5. Building Envelope.	Updates building envelope criteria for metal buildings.	Minor + (increases envelope requirements for metal buildings).
8	h	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds another exception to Section 6.5.2.1 Limitation of Simultaneous Heating and Cooling. The exception addresses apparent conflict between standards and allows users to achieve comfort, meet the code, and save energy.	Minor + (allows another exception that saves energy in some applications).
9	i	9. Lighting	Applies a four-zone lighting power density approach to exterior lighting requirements. Deletes the 5% additional power allowance in 9.4.5 and replaces it with a base wattage allowance per site. Defines the four zones and applies the appropriate requirements.	Major + (lowers illuminance requirements in certain zones).
10	j	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning; 12. Normative References; Appendix E. Informative References.	Updates the mechanical test procedures references in the standard. The changes also modify a reference in Table 6.8.1E, the normative references in Chapter 12, and the informative references in Informative Appendix E.	0 (updating references).
11	k	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Updates Tables 6.8.1E and 7.8 to identify specific sections of referenced standards. Table 7.8 also reflects the current federal efficiency levels for residential water heaters and adds a requirement for electric table-top water heaters.	0 (updating tables to reflect current federal standards).
12	l	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds minimum efficiency and certification requirements for axial and centrifugal fan closed-circuit cooling towers. Also adds a reference to ATC–105S, The Cooling Technology Institute test standard for closed-circuit cooling towers to Section 12.	0 (Requirement codifies industry standard practice).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
13	m	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Updates chiller efficiency requirements. Establishes additional path of compliance for water-cooled chillers. Combines all water-cooled chillers into one category and adds a new size category for centrifugal chillers at or above 600 tons.	Major + (updates chiller efficiency requirements).
14	n	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Extends Variable Air Volume (VAV) fan control requirements to large single-zone units.	Major + (extends control requirements to another equipment class).
15	o	8. Power	Modifies the scope of Section 8 and adds requirements specific to low voltage dry-type distribution transformers.	0 (implements Federal efficiency standards for transformers).
16	p	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Provides pressure credits for laboratory exhaust systems that allow prescriptive compliance with the standard.	Minor – (increases allowable pressure drop in laboratory exhaust systems).
17	q	5. Building Envelope	Vestibules, remove CZ4 exception	Minor + (applies vestibule requirement in more locations).
18	r	Informative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Changes Informative Appendix G Performance Rating Method into a Normative Appendix. Additionally, some language has been modified to make the Appendix Enforceable.	0 (performance rating method only).
19	s	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Updates the Coefficient of Performance (COP) at 17 °F efficiency levels for commercial heat pumps and introduces a new part-load energy efficiency descriptor (IEER) for all commercial unitary products above 65,000 Btu/h of cooling capacity.	0 (replaces Integrated Part Load Value (IPLV) with Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) to capture part load performance).
20	t	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Removes the term “replacement” and “new construction” from the product classes listed in Table 6.8.1D and replaces them with the terms “nonstandard size” and “standard size” to clarify that one product class is intended for applications with nonstandard size exterior wall openings while the other is intended for applications with standard size exterior wall openings. Also amends section 6.4.1.5.2 and footnote b to Table 6.8.1D to clarify that nonstandard size packaged terminal equipment have sleeves with an external wall opening less than 16 in. high or less than 42 in. wide to reflect existing applications where the wall opening is not necessarily less than 16 in. high and less than 42 in. wide. However, to avoid a potential abuse of the definition, non-standard size packaged terminal equipment are required to have a cross-sectional area of the sleeves less than 670 in ² .	0 (clarification of definitions).
21	u	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds a new section requiring centrifugal fan open-circuit cooling towers over 1100 gpm at the rating conditions to meet efficiency requirements for axial fan units found in 6.8.1G.	Minor + (applies cooling tower requirements more broadly).

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No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
22	v	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning; 12. Normative References.	Revises section 6.4.2.1 to reference ANSI/ASHRAE/ACCA Standard 183–2007 for sizing heating and cooling system design loads. Adds requirements for calculating pump head.	0 (updates references).
23	w	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Changes footnote to Table G3.1.1A to make it clear that Exception a to Section G3.1.1 also applies here. Changes the exception to G3.1.2.10 on Exhaust Air Energy Recovery for multifamily buildings because they are unlikely to have a centralized exhaust air system needed to effectively recover heat.	0 (performance rating method)
24	x	9. Lighting	Updates requirements for automatic lighting shutoff, adds specific occupancy sensor applications, and provides additional clarification.	Major + (adds occupancy sensor requirements for many specific applications).
25	y	7. Service Water Heating	Establishes ARI 1160 as the test procedure for heat pump pool heaters and requires that the minimum COP of 4 be met at the low outdoor temperature of 50 °F.	Minor + (requires COP be met at lower temperature).
26	aa	9. Lighting	Adds space exceptions for automatic lighting controls.	Minor + (limits automatic-on controls to specific space types).
27	ab	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; and 9. Lighting.	Adds definitions and provides daylighting control requirements for side-lighted spaces.	Major + (adds daylighting control requirements for side-lighted spaces).
28	ac	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 9. Lighting.	Adds incentives to use advanced lighting controls.	0 (alternate compliance path).
29	ad	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Includes certification requirements for liquid-to-liquid heat exchangers to benefit both manufacturers and consumers, allow product comparisons, and provide incentives to manufacturers to improve efficiency in order to gain market share.	0 (documentation only).
30	ae	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds a requirement for insulating the surfaces of radiant panels that do not face conditioned spaces.	Minor + (reduced heat loss in radiant panels).
31	af	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Provides requirement for designers, contractors, and owners to properly size system piping (hydronic systems) to balance ongoing energy costs and first costs.	Minor + (requires proper hydronic system sizing).
32	ag	5. Building Envelope	Adds requirement for rigid board insulation overlap.	Minor + (reduces potential for thermal bridging).
33	ai	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Removes requirement for comparing proposed buildings utilizing chilled water with a baseline building with on-site chillers, and instead requires a baseline that also uses purchased chilled water. Details modifications to be made to the baseline HVAC systems when purchased chilled water or heat are included.	0 (alternative compliance path).
34	aj	10. Other Equipment	Updates the text and table of Chapter 10 to comply with new federal law for motors rated at 1.0 horsepower and greater. Adding this information will help designers, end-use customers, and code officials with motor specifications and verifications.	0 (implements Federal motor requirements).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
35	ak	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds a pump isolation requirement for systems with multiple chillers and boilers and temperature reset requirement for equipment with a minimum Btu/h. Revises wording to have requirements of 6.5.4.1 apply only to cooling systems. Changes threshold of variable speed systems to 7.5 HP. Adds requirement for differential pressure reset. Does not preclude also implementing chilled water supply temperature setpoint reset. Includes requirements for hydronic Heat Pump and Water-Cooled Unitary Air Conditioners.	Minor + (reduces pumping energy).
36	al	5. Building Envelope	Adds skylight requirements in certain space types (enclosed spaces) to promote daylighting energy savings.	Major + (requires skylights and daylighting in some building types).
37	am	5. Building Envelope	Revise air leakage criteria for fenestration and doors.	Minor + (decreased air leakage).
38	an	5. Building Envelope	Expands table of default U-values for single-digit rafter roofs.	0 (updates default tables).
39	ao	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Repairs known errata to Table 6.8.1E and re-orders the notes to properly organize them. Corrects the error of identifying E _c , which should be listed as E _t under “Warm Air Furnaces, Gas-Fired” and also eliminates incorrect and redundant footnotes.	0 (editorial only).
40	ap	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Includes demand controlled ventilation in the simplified approach.	Major + (reduces ventilation energy).
41	aq	Title, 1. Purpose, and 2. Scope	Modify Title Purpose & Scope of ASHRAE 90.1.	0 (no impact now, but does allow future positive additions to Standard 90.1).
42	ar	9. Lighting	Corrects an oversight in previous versions where expanded exterior lighting power limits were put in place but the details of how to calculate the installed power and compare it to the limits was not included. This language revision puts the needed details in the standard.	0 (editorial only).
43	as	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Removes exception for VAV turn-down requirements for zones with special pressurization requirements. Reduces laboratory threshold where VAV or heat recovery is required.	Minor + (saves large amount of fan and reheat energy in hospitals).
44	at	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Clears up inconsistencies and conflicts regarding damper requirements in Chapter 6.	0 (editorial only).
45	au	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Updates efficiency tradeoff table for eliminating economizers.	0 (alternate compliance path).
46	av	9. Lighting	Changes Section 9.1.2 to require that in all spaces where alterations take place, all requirements of Section 9 are met. Changes exception so that the lighting power density (LPD) requirements of the standard are met in the altered space if less than 10% of luminaries are replaced.	Major + (expansion of new lighting power densities to more retrofits).

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No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
47	aw	9. Lighting	Recognizes practical design application of excluding bathroom lighting from “master” switch control in hotel/motel guest rooms and adds a requirement to eliminate wasted light in guest room bathrooms. Adds a 5W allowance for night lights that recognizes the practical current design application of guest room bathroom night light use but at a reasonable low level.	Minor – (adds additional lighting allowance).
48	ax	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Expands requirements for Kitchen Exhaust Systems (formerly Kitc8.4.1 then Hoods). Includes addition of definitions for transfer air, replacement air, and makeup air. Add Table 6.5.7.1.3 defining the maximum exhaust flow rate through various hood types (CFM/Linear Foot of Hood Length). Include provisions for hoods with flows greater than 5,000 CFM. Require performance testing to evaluate design airflow rates and demonstrate capture and containment performance.	Minor + (more stringent kitchen exhaust requirements).
49	ay	9. Lighting	Change that requires users to identify spaces by function.	Minor + (requires users to use proper LPDs).
50	az	9. Lighting	Adds requirements for lighting controls to be functionally tested to ensure proper use and appropriate energy savings.	Minor + (requires testing of lighting systems).
51	ba	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Allows a system performance option that allows for compensating for the insulating value of the piping while maintaining the same net thermal requirements.	0 (alternative compliance path).
52	bc	5. Building Envelope	Clarifies that the requirements in Section 5.5.4.2.3 are also specified for unconditioned spaces.	0 (clarification only).
53	bd	8. Power	Removes emergency circuits not used for normal building operation from the requirements which will lead to increased compliance. Allows for an increased conformance/use of 90.1 standard by eliminating issues of impracticality of feeder drop requirements for emergency circuits and provides significant initial cost savings.	0 (removes emergency circuits from requirements, but only impact is when emergency circuits are activated).
54	bf	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 4. Administration and Enforcement; 5. Building Envelope.	Modifies language to include performance requirements for air leakage of the opaque envelope.	Minor + (reduces air leakage allowances in opaque envelope).
55	bg	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning; 12. Normative References.	Establishes a product class for water-to-water heat pumps. Intent is to recognize the technology in 90.1 by requiring minimum energy efficiency standards. Cooling Energy Efficiency Ratios (EERs) and heating COPs are proposed for products with cooling capacities below 135,000 Btu/h at standard rating conditions listed in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard 13256–2.	Minor + (adds requirement where no requirement previously existed).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
56	bh	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Provides requirements for multiple zone HVAC systems (that include simultaneous heating and cooling) to include controls that automatically raise the supply air-temperature when the spaces served are not at peak load conditions. Allows an override of the temperature reset if a maximum space humidity setpoint is exceeded. There is an exception from this requirement for warm and humid climate zones 1a, 2a, and 3a.	Major + (requires supply air temperature reset for non-peak conditions).
57	bi	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Updates requirements for piping insulation, including incorporation of new 90.1 SPPC economic criteria used in developing standard requirements. Adds footnotes to address constrained locations and clarify requirements for direct buried piping.	Minor + (reduced piping heat loss/gain).
58	bj	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Adds an exception within Appendix G that allows users to claim energy cost savings credit for the increased ventilation effectiveness of certain HVAC system designs.	0 (alternative compliance path).
59	bk	3. Definitions, Abbreviations and Acronyms; and 10. Other Equipment.	Includes the minimum efficiency requirements for both Subtype I and Subtype II motors as well as clarifies what specific motor types these requirements apply to.	0 (clarification only).
60	bl	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Corrects the intent of the standard to not exempt all chillers with secondary coolants for freeze protection from coverage by Table 6.8.1C and removes ambiguity. Changes footnote a to Table 6.8.1C in recognition of lower practical scope limits for the lower limit introduced in Addendum M for centrifugal chillers.	Minor + (removes exemption for some chillers).
61	bm	5. Building Envelope	Coordinates terminology for visible transmittance with NFRC 200.	0 (terminology only).
62	bn	5. Building Envelope; 11. Energy Cost Budget Method.	Limits use of poorly oriented fenestration—compliance shown by having more south-facing than west-facing fenestration. Provides exceptions for retail glass and buildings potentially shaded from the south or west. Exception also provided for certain additions and alterations.	Minor + (limits poor fenestration orientation).
63	bo	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Effort to keep requirements of Section 11 and Appendix G consistent with other addenda. Makes changes related to Addenda E, S, and U.	0 (alternative compliance path).
64	bp	9. Lighting	Allows the use of control that provides automatic 50% auto on with the capability to manually activate the remaining 50% and has full auto-off.	Minor + (allows use of additional energy saving control strategy).
65	bq	9. Lighting	Retail lighting additional allowance levels reduced.	Minor + (lower retail lighting energy).
66	br	9. Lighting	Adds an exterior zone 0 to cover very low light requirement areas.	Minor + (reduced exterior lighting energy).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
67	bs	8. Power	Adds requirements to provide a means for non-critical receptacle loads to be automatically controlled based on occupancy or scheduling without additional individual desk-top or similar controllers.	Minor + (reduces energy use during unoccupied periods).
68	bt	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Modifies equation for determining the performance adjustment factor for chillers under nonstandard conditions. Adds labeling requirements for chillers to make compliance determinations simpler.	Minor + (chillers that were previously exempt are no longer exempt).
69	bu	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; and 6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Modifies and adds to requirements for computer rooms.	Major + (adds efficiency requirements for data centers).
70	bv	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Effort to keep requirements of Section 11 and Appendix G consistent with other addenda to 90.1. This addendum includes changes to Section 11 and Appendix G due to Addendum Y, AJ, BK, and AX.	0 (alternative compliance paths).
71	bw	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Amends minimum energy efficiency requirements for standard-size package terminal equipment to be consistent with the new federal standards.	0 (implements existing Federal standards).
72	bx	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Supplements changes made in addendums H and AS. Attempts to bring into alignment requirements of ASHRAE 90.1 and ASHRAE 62.1. Limits the reheat supply air temperature from ceiling supply air devices to achieve better room air distribution and reduce short-circuiting of air into ceiling return air inlets. Promotes alternative methods of heating perimeter spaces with high heat losses other than use of a VAV box with terminal reheat.	Minor + (limits reheat supply air temperatures).
73	by	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; and 9. Lighting	Revision represents a complete review, update, correction, and restructuring of the modeling and calculation basis for the space type and resulting whole building type lighting power densities.	Major + (lowered lighting power densities).
74	ca	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Closes a loophole in the fan power allowances for single zone variable air volume (VAV) systems.	Minor + (removes fan power allowance for VAV systems without terminal units).
75	cb	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds requirement for simple systems to meet prescriptive outdoor air damper requirements. Allows backdraft dampers only for exhaust and relief dampers in buildings less than 3 stories in height. Requires backdraft dampers on outdoor air intakes to be protected from wind limiting windblown infiltration through the damper. Moves climate zone 5a to the category of climates that require low leak dampers. Corrects a mistake in Table 6.4.3.4.4. Reformats Table 6.4.3.4.4 for clarity.	Major + (expansion of automatic damper requirements).
76	cc	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Corrects a mistake in the way 8" pipe was analyzed.	Minor – (increases allowable flow rate in 8" pipe).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
77	cd	9. Lighting	Additions to (1) strengthen language to actually require exterior control rather than just require the control capability, (2) add bi-level control for general all-night applications such as parking lots to reduce lighting when not needed, and (3) add control for façade and landscape lighting not needed after midnight.	Major + (requires control of exterior lighting—savings during night when lights not needed).
78	ce	9. Lighting	Adds requirements for multilevel control capability (bi-level switching) in all spaces except those specifically exempted.	0 (manual control requirement).
79	cf	9. Lighting	Adds requirements for automatic reduction of stairway lighting within 30 minutes of occupants exiting the zone.	Minor + (energy savings through use of controls in stairways).
80	ch	11. Energy Cost Budget Method; Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Clarifies baseline minimum setpoints for fan-powered boxes and VAV reheat boxes. Modifies exceptions to: remove exception originally intended for hospitals and laboratory type spaces, clarify that lab systems with greater than 5000 cfm of exhaust air use a single VAV baseline system; and add exception to the 50% lab VAV minimum airflow to address minimum ventilation requirements lab designers follow to meet codes and accreditation standards.	0 (alternative compliance path).
81	ck	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Expands zone-level demand controlled ventilation to include various forms of system level strategies. It is being added to the prescriptive section, so that it could be traded off using the Energy Cost Budget (ECB) method.	Minor + (expands automatic zone reset in multizone systems).
82	cl	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 5. Building Envelope	Clarifies how to interpret the use of dynamic glazing which are designed to be able to vary a performance property such as Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC), rather than having just a single value.	0 (alternative compliance path).
83	cn	9. Lighting	Adds two versions of a combined advanced control to the control incentives table (9.6.2). These control system combinations involve personal workstation control and workstation-specific occupancy sensors for open office applications.	0 (alternative compliance path).
84	co	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	This proposal makes three amendments to Table 6.8.1A. First, it updates EER and IEER values for all condensing units and water and evaporatively cooled air conditioners with cooling capacities greater than 65,000 Btu/h. Second, the proposal establishes a separate product class for evaporatively cooled air conditioners with different energy efficiency standards. Third, the proposal replaces the IPLV descriptor for condensing units with the new IEER metric and amends the EERs with more stringent values.	Minor + (improves efficiency of minor market products).

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No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
85	cp	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Establishes efficiency requirements for Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) air conditioners and heat pumps including heat pumps that use a water source for heat rejection.	0 (not more stringent than common practice).
86	cq	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning; Informative Appendix E. Informative References.	Addendum is based on economic analysis using the current scalar value. Nearly all classes are economically justified at seal class A, allowing for the removal of two tables.	Minor + (reduced duct leakage).
87	cr	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 11. Energy Cost Budget Method and Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Modifies definition of unmet load hour and adds definition for temperature control throttling range. Requires that both baseline and proposed unmet hours not exceed 300. Removes language allowing modification of system coil capacities to reduce unmet hours as needed.	0 (alternative compliance paths).
88	cs	8. Power	Modifies automatic receptacle control requirements and exemptions to eliminate potential practical application issues.	Major+ (minimizes exceptions to switched receptacle requirement).
89	ct	9. Lighting	Reduces the area threshold where side daylighting requires daylight sensor control down to 250 square feet.	Minor + (reduce area requirement for occupancy sensors).
90	cv	10. Other Equipment	Adds requirements for service water pressure booster systems.	Minor + (adds requirements for service water pressure booster systems).
91	cw	11. Energy Cost Budget Method	Revises the Energy Cost Budget for service hot water heaters. Corrects contradiction with section 11.32(b). Provides user instruction for situations where a certain type of service hot water system is not listed in Table 7.8.	0 (alternative compliance path).
92	cy	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Makes several revisions to the economizer requirements in section 6.5.1 and 6.3.2. Updates Table 6.3.2 which allows for the elimination of economizers through the use of higher efficiency HVAC equipment.	Major + (expands use of economizers).
93	cz	9. Lighting	Incorporates bi-level control for parking garages to reduce energy waste during unoccupied periods.	Minor + (reduced parking garage lighting).
94	da	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Establishes that an Appendix G baseline shall be based on the minimum ventilation requirements required by local codes or a rating authority and not the proposed design ventilation rates.	0 (performance rating method).
95	db	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	This addendum modifies the design air flow rates for laboratory systems in the baseline building in Appendix G.	0 (performance rating method).
96	dc	9. Lighting	Removes information related to tandem wiring of lighting.	Minor – (tandem wiring no longer used in practice—possible small increase in energy usage).
97	dd	5. Building Envelope; and 9. Lighting	Reduces the area threshold where skylights are required to be designed into building spaces down to 5000 square feet and similarly reduces the threshold where daylighting controls must be applied to 900 square feet.	Major + (requires daylighting controls in more spaces).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
98	de	9. Lighting	Splits the “generic lobby” from common elevator lobbies and lighting power densities were adjusted to reflect specific space needs. Also removes the fitness center audience seating because it’s considered a space type that was considered not used and potentially confusing.	0 (allows more lighting power in lobbies but less in elevator lobbies).
99	df	10. Other Equipment	Adds requirements that address excess energy use in elevators due to ventilation fans and cab lighting.	Minor + (small lighting and ventilation savings).
100	dg	3. Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations; and Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	Adds a definition for the term “field-fabricated fenestration” used in section 5.4.3.2 consistent with Interpretation IC 90.1–2007–01 and similar language in California’s Title 24.	0 (clarification of definition).
101	di	3. Definitions, Abbreviations, and Acronyms; 6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Adds requirements for enclosed parking garage ventilation.	Minor + (reduced parking garage ventilation energy).
102	dj	6. Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning.	Limits the fan energy allowance for energy recovery devices to values that approximate the results of the economic analysis, with some allowance to permit adequate pressure drop for products near the minimum recovery effectiveness of 50%. A separate allowance is also created for coil runaround loop systems.	Minor + (limits fan energy allowance of energy recovery devices).
103	dk	Normative Appendix C. Methodology for Building Envelope Trade-Off Option in Subsection 5.6.	Adds clarity and instruction to the users of Appendix C, the envelope trade off option, for new requirements that were added in addendums AL, BC, and BN. AL required skylights and lighting controls in certain occupancies. BC required skylights and lighting controls in unconditioned semi-heated spaces. BN dealt with orientation specific SHGC requirements.	0 (alternative compliance path).
104	dl	Normative Appendix C. Methodology for Building Envelope Trade-Off Option in Subsection 5.6.	Gives instruction to the users of Appendix C on how to model the base envelope design and the proposed envelope design on how to comply with the cool roof provisions of Section 5.	0 (alternative compliance path).
105	dn	Normative Appendix G. Performance Rating Method.	This addendum adds system types 9 and 10 for heated only storage spaces and associated changes.	0 (performance rating method).
106	do	4. Administration and Enforcement; 9. Lighting.	Establishes the goals and requirements of the lighting system including controls and ensures that owners are provided all the information necessary to best use and maintain lighting systems.	0 (documentation only).
107	dp	12. Normative References	Updates the references in 90.1 to reflect the current edition of the cited standard. Substantive changes in the referenced documents did not affect the requirements in 90.1 or change the stringency of the requirements of 90.1.	0 (updates references).
108	dq	Normative Appendix C. Methodology for Building Envelope Trade-Off Option in Subsection 5.6.	Modifies the calculations found in Appendix C in order to reflect modifications to the modeling assumptions.	0 (alternative compliance path).

TABLE 1—RESULTS OF ADDENDUM-BY-ADDENDUM ANALYSIS—Continued

No.	Addendum to Standard 90.1–2007	Section affected	Description of changes	Impact on energy efficiency and reason
109	dr	9. Lighting	Original purpose of 9.4.4 was to limit the use of inefficient lighting sources for high wattage applications when there was not a comprehensive table of lighting power density limits. With such a table now in place, section 9.4.4 is no longer necessary	0 (editorial only).

Table 2 is an overall summary of the addenda in terms of their impact in the qualitative analysis. Overall, the sum of

the major positive and minor positive addenda (56) greatly overwhelms the number of minor negative addenda (6),

leading to the conclusion that the overall impact of the addenda on the standard is positive.

TABLE 2—OVERALL SUMMARY OF ADDENDA IMPACT IN QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS

Major negative	Minor negative	Neutral	Minor positive	Major positive	Total
None	6	47	37	19	109

The 6 negative impacts on energy efficiency include:

1. Addendum b—allows larger than minimum ventilation rates if required by other codes.
2. Addendum c—allows an exception to dehumidification for controls for vivariums.
3. Addendum p—increases allowable pressure drop in laboratory exhaust systems.
4. Addendum aw—adds an additional lighting allowance for nightlights in hotel/motel bathrooms.
5. Addendum cc—allows higher flow rates in 8" piping.
6. Addendum dc—eliminates tandem wiring requirement.

None of these negative impacts are judged to be significant. Addendum b simply acknowledges that Standard 90.1 does not address ventilation rates that are required in other codes. Addendum c simply adds vivariums (spaces used for plant or animal growth) to the list of spaces that may have more stringent humidity requirements than normal spaces. Addendum p increases allowable pressure drop in laboratory exhaust systems and addresses some noted shortcomings in the previous version of Standard 90.1 with regard to fume hoods. Addendum aw acknowledges the common practice of the use of bathroom lights as “nightlights” in hotel/motel guest rooms. Addendum cc corrects a calculation error in the previous version of Standard 90.1. Addendum dc eliminates a tandem wiring requirement for ballasts that is no longer used with

the widespread use of electronic ballasts.

The 19 major positive impacts on energy efficiency include:

1. Addendum d—requires daylighting controls under skylights and commissioning of daylighting controls.
2. Addendum e—requires increased use of heat recovery.
3. Addendum f—requires cool roofs in hot climates.
4. Addendum i—lower illuminance requirements in certain exterior zones.
5. Addendum m—updates chiller efficiency requirements.
6. Addendum n—extends VAV fan control requirements.
7. Addendum x—adds occupancy sensor requirements for many specific applications.
8. Addendum ab—adds daylighting control requirements for side-lighted spaces.
9. Addendum al—requires skylights and daylighting in some building types.
10. Addendum ap—reduces ventilation energy.
11. Addendum av—expansion of new lighting power densities to more retrofits.
12. Addendum bh—requires supply air temperature reset for non-peak conditions.
13. Addendum bu—adds efficiency requirements for data centers.
14. Addendum by—required lower lighting power densities.
15. Addendum cb—expands automatic damper requirements.
16. Addendum cd—requires control of exterior lighting.

17. Addendum cs—minimizes exceptions to switched receptacle requirement.

18. Addendum cy—expands use of economizers.

19. Addendum dd—requires daylighting controls in more spaces.

Many of these “major positive” addenda are self descriptive. The high-level themes of the major positive addenda tend to be as follows:

- Better lighting, daylighting, and controls (d, i, x, ab, al, av, by, cd, cs, and dd).
- Better mechanical systems and application to more systems (e, m, n, ap, bh, bu, cb, and cy).
- Better building envelope (f).

There are an additional 37 addenda that have minor positive impacts. See the complete qualitative analysis for additional detail.

B. Quantitative Analysis

1. Discussion of Whole Building Energy Analysis

The quantitative comparison of Standard 90.1–2010 was carried out using whole-building energy simulations of buildings built to both Standard 90.1–2007 and Standard 90.1–2010. DOE simulated 16 representative building types in 15 U.S. climate locations, each climate location selected to be representative of one of the 15 U.S. climate zones used in the definition of building energy code criteria in Standard 90.1–2007 and Standard 90.1–2010. The simulations were developed using specific building prototypes based on the DOE commercial reference building models developed for DOE’s

Net-Zero Energy Commercial Building Initiative. (These reference building prototypes were formerly known as Benchmark building models.)

For each building prototype simulated in each climate the energy use intensities (EUI) by fuel type and by end-use were extracted. These EUIs by fuel type for each building were then weighted to national average EUI figures using weighting factors based on the relative square footage of construction represented by that prototype in each of the 15 climate regions. These weighting factors were based on commercial building construction starts data for a five year period from 2003 to 2007. The source of data was the McGraw-Hill Construction Projects Starts Database (MHC). The MHC database captures over 90% of new commercial construction in any given year and the collection process is independently monitored to ensure the coverage of most of the commercial construction in the U.S. The data is used by other Federal agencies such as the U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for characterizing building construction in the U.S. For the purpose of developing construction weighting factors, the strength of this data lies in the number of samples, the characterization of each sample in terms of building end-use and size and number of stories, the frequency of data collection, and the detailed location data. In addition, the MHC database can be used to identify multifamily residential buildings that would be covered under ASHRAE Standard 90.1.

DOE's prototypes reflect the use of two fuel types, electricity and natural gas. Using the weighting factors, DOE was able to establish an estimate of the relative reduction in building energy use, as determined by a calculated reduction in weighted average site EUI for each building prototype. Site energy refers to the energy consumed at the building site. In a corresponding fashion, DOE was also able to calculate a reduction in terms of weighted average primary EUI and in terms of weighted average energy cost intensity (ECI) in \$/sq. ft. of building floorspace. Primary energy as used here refers to the energy required to generate and deliver energy to the site. To estimate primary energy, all electrical energy use intensities were first converted to primary energy using a factor of 10,918 Btus primary energy per kWh (based on the 2010 estimated values reported in Table 2 of the EIA 2010 Annual Energy Outlook, release date December 2009, available at

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/archive/aao10/aeref_tab.html).

The conversion factor of 10,918 was calculated from Table 2 by summing the commercial electricity value of 4.62 quads with the electricity losses value of 10.17 quads and then dividing that sum by the commercial value. $((4.62 + 10.17)/4.62 = 3.2)$ This yields an electricity ratio of 3.2 for converting how much primary (source) electricity is required per unit of site required electricity. This ratio of 3.2 is then multiplied by 3,412 Btu per kWh, producing a value of 10,918 Btus primary energy per kWh of site energy. Natural Gas EUIs in the prototypes were converted to primary energy using a factor of 1.090 Btus primary energy per Btu of site natural gas use (based on the 2010 national energy use estimated shown in Table 2 of the AEO 2010). This natural gas source energy conversion factor was calculated by dividing the natural gas subtotal of 23.15 quads (sum of all natural gas usage, including usage for natural gas field production, leases, plant fuel, and pipeline (compression) supply) by the delivered natural gas total of 21.23 quads (sum of four primary energy sectors (residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation)).

a. Calculation of Energy Cost Index

To estimate the reduction in energy cost index, DOE relied on national average commercial building energy prices of \$0.1027/kWh of electricity and \$10.06 per 1000 cubic feet (\$0.9796/therm) of natural gas, based on EIA statistics for 2010 (the last complete year of data available in Table 5.3 Average Retail Price of Electricity to Ultimate Consumers: Total by End-Use Sector for the commercial sector—available from EIA at http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/table5_3.html and for 2009 (the last complete year of data available from the EIA Natural Gas Annual Summary for the commercial sector available at http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_sum_dcu_nus_a.htm.) DOE recognizes that actual fuel costs will vary somewhat by building type within a region, and will in fact vary more across regions. Nevertheless, DOE believes that the use of simple national average figures illustrates whether there will be energy cost savings sufficient for the purposes of the DOE determination.

b. Calculation of Energy Use Intensities

Energy use intensities developed for each representative building type were weighted by total national square footage of each representative building type to provide an estimate of the

difference between the national energy use in buildings constructed to the 2007 and 2010 editions of the Standard 90.1. Note that the 16 buildings types used in the preliminary determination reflect approximately 80% of the total square footage of commercial construction including multi-family buildings greater than three stories covered under ASHRAE Standard 90.1.

Note that only differences between new building requirements were considered in this quantitative analysis. Changes to requirements in the 2010 edition that pertain to existing buildings only are addressed in the detailed textual analysis only.

c. Application to Additions and Renovations

Both the 2010 and 2007 editions address additions and renovations to existing buildings. Since DOE has preliminarily found insufficient data to characterize renovations in terms of what energy using features are utilized, DOE has not determined that the results obtained from the whole building prototypes used would reasonably reflect the EUI benefits that would accrue to renovated floor space. For this reason, renovated floor space is not included in the DOE weighting factors. Building additions on the other hand are believed to be substantially equivalent to new construction. For this reason, FW Dodge construction data on additions has been incorporated into the overall weighting factors. Floor space additions reflect approximately 13 percent of new construction floor space based on data captured in the FW Dodge dataset.

d. Ventilation Rate Assumptions

The preliminary quantitative analysis assumed the same base ventilation level for buildings constructed to Standard 90.1–2007 and Standard 90.1–2010. Neither edition of Standard 90.1 specifies ventilation rates for commercial building construction. ASHRAE has a separate ventilation standard for commercial construction, ASHRAE Standard 62.1 *Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality*. This standard is cited only in a few exceptions within the mechanical sections of either Standard 90.1–2007 or Standard 90.1–2010, with each edition referencing a different version of Standard 62.1. Standard 90.1–2007 lists Standard 62.1–2004 in its table of references. Standard 90.1–2010 lists Standard 62.1–2007 in its table of references.

Ventilation rates can have significant impact on the energy use of commercial buildings. States and local jurisdictions

typically specify the ventilation requirements for buildings within their respective building codes and can set these requirements independent of the energy code requirements. Because of the limited reference to ventilation within either the 2007 or the 2010 edition, the requirements that States certify that their energy codes meet or exceed the 2010 edition of Standard 90.1 would in general not require modification of State ventilation code requirements. However, in many cases, ventilation requirements can be traced back to requirements found in one or another version of Standard 62.1. For the purpose of the quantitative analysis, DOE assumed ventilation rates for the simulation prototypes based on the requirements of Standard 62.1–2004.

2. Results of Whole Building Energy Analysis

The preliminary quantitative analysis of the energy consumption of buildings

built to Standard 90.1–2010, as compared with buildings built to Standard 90.1–2007, indicates national primary energy savings of approximately 18.2 percent of commercial building energy consumption based on the weighting factors for the 16 buildings simulated. Site energy savings are estimated to be approximately 18.5 percent. Using national average fuel prices for electricity and natural gas DOE estimated a reduction in energy expenditures of 18.2 percent would result from the use of Standard 90.1–2010 as compared to Standard 90.1–2007. As identified previously, these estimated savings figures do not include energy savings from equipment or appliance standards that would be in place due to Federal requirements regardless of their presence in the Standard 90.1–2010.

Tables 3 and 4 show the aggregated energy use and associated energy

savings by building type for the 16 building prototypes analyzed and on an aggregated national basis for the 2007 and 2010 editions, respectively. For each edition of Standard 90.1, the national building floor area weight used to calculate the national impact on building EUI or building ECI is presented. National-average site energy use intensities ranges from over five hundred Btu per square foot annually for the Fast Food prototype to approximately 20 Btu per square foot annually for the Non-refrigerated Warehouse type. Source energy use intensities and building energy cost intensities (\$/sf-yr) are also presented. Further details on the preliminary quantitative analysis can be found in the full preliminary quantitative analysis report available at http://www.energycodes.gov/status/determinations_com.stm.

TABLE 3—ESTIMATED ENERGY USE INTENSITY BY BUILDING TYPE—2007 EDITION

Building type	Building prototype	Building type floor area weight %	Whole building EUI data for building population		
			Site EUI kBtu/ft ² -yr	Source EUI kBtu/ft ² -yr	ECI \$/ft ² -yr
Office	Small Office	5.61	39.1	118.4	\$1.11
	Medium Office	6.05	47.7	140.6	1.32
	Large Office	3.33	42.8	123.3	1.16
Retail	Stand-Alone Retail	15.25	65.0	179.5	1.69
	Strip Mall	5.67	68.3	186.0	1.75
Education	Primary School	4.99	63.4	170.2	1.60
	Secondary School	10.36	54.2	149.7	1.41
Healthcare	Outpatient Health Care	4.37	162.0	438.0	4.11
	Hospital	3.45	156.4	374.9	3.51
Lodging	Small Hotel	1.72	70.8	179.4	1.68
	Large Hotel	4.95	157.1	315.8	2.95
Warehouse	Non-Refrigerated Warehouse	16.72	24.2	58.6	0.55
Food Service	Fast-Food Restaurant	0.59	547.7	1068.0	9.98
	Sit-Down Restaurant	0.66	382.4	810.7	7.59
Apartment	Mid-Rise Apartment	7.32	44.2	123.7	1.16
	High-Rise Apartment	8.97	44.2	129.3	1.22
National .....	.....	100	67.5	174.0	1.63

TABLE 4—ESTIMATED ENERGY USE INTENSITY BY BUILDING TYPE—2010 EDITION

Building type	Building prototype	Building type floor area weight %	Whole building EUI data for building population		
			Site EUI kBtu/ft ² -yr	Source EUI kBtu/ft ² -yr	ECI \$/ft ² -yr
Office	Small Office	5.61	32.8	99.0	\$0.93
	Medium Office	6.05	37.1	106.3	\$1.00
	Large Office	3.33	33.3	96.8	0.91
Retail	Stand-Alone Retail	15.25	48.0	135.1	1.27
	Strip Mall	5.67	56.9	150.9	1.42
Education	Primary School	4.99	48.0	134.8	1.27
	Secondary School	10.36	39.8	114.9	1.08
Healthcare	Outpatient Health Care	4.37	125.4	340.9	3.20
	Hospital	3.45	118.1	299.5	2.81
Lodging	Small Hotel	1.72	66.6	165.7	1.55
	Large Hotel	4.95	139.8	282.5	2.64
Warehouse	Non-Refrigerated Warehouse	16.72	19.2	45.0	0.42
Food Service	Fast-Food Restaurant	0.59	519.9	976.5	9.12
	Sit-Down Restaurant	0.66	330.9	654.1	6.12
Apartment	Mid-Rise Apartment	7.32	41.2	118.3	1.11

TABLE 4—ESTIMATED ENERGY USE INTENSITY BY BUILDING TYPE—2010 EDITION—Continued

Building type	Building prototype	Building type floor area weight %	Whole building EUI data for building population		
			Site EUI kBtu/ft ² -yr	Source EUI kBtu/ft ² -yr	ECI \$/ft ² -yr
National	High-Rise Apartment	8.97	41.0	123.5	1.16
	.....	100	55.5	142.4	1.34

Table 5 presents the estimated percent energy savings (based on change in EUI) between the 2007 and 2010 editions.

Overall, considering those differences that can be reasonably quantified, the 2010 edition is expected to increase the

energy efficiency of commercial buildings. Numbers in Table 5 represent percent energy savings.

TABLE 5—ESTIMATED PERCENT ENERGY SAVINGS WITH 2010 EDITION—BY BUILDING TYPE

Building type	Building prototype	Building type floor area weight %	Percent savings in whole building energy use intensity (%)		
			Site EUI	Source EUI	ECI
Office	Small Office	5.61	16.1	16.4	16.4
	Medium Office	6.05	22.1	24.4	24.4
	Large Office	3.33	22.3	21.5	21.5
Retail	Stand-Alone Retail	15.25	26.1	24.7	24.7
	Strip Mall	5.67	16.8	18.9	18.9
Education	Primary School	4.99	24.2	20.8	20.8
	Secondary School	10.36	26.7	23.3	23.2
Healthcare	Outpatient Health Care	4.37	22.6	22.2	22.2
	Hospital	3.45	24.5	20.1	20.1
Lodging	Small Hotel	1.72	5.9	7.7	7.7
	Large Hotel	4.95	11.0	10.5	10.5
Warehouse	Non-Refrigerated Warehouse	16.72	20.7	23.1	23.1
Food Service	Fast Food Restaurant	0.59	5.1	8.6	8.6
	Sit-Down Restaurant	0.66	13.5	19.3	19.4

Apartment	Mid-Rise Apartment	7.32	6.8	4.4	4.4
	High-Rise Apartment	8.97	7.2	4.5	4.5
National .....	.....	100	18.5	18.2	18.2

C. Preliminary Determination Statement

DOE's review and evaluation indicates that there are significant differences between the 2007 edition and the 2010 edition. DOE's overall preliminary conclusion is that the 2010 edition will improve the energy efficiency of commercial buildings.

However, DOE identified six changes in textual requirements that taken alone appear to represent a reduction in stringencies and could decrease energy efficiency. The six changes are:

- Addendum b, which allows larger than minimum ventilation rates if required by other codes;
- Addendum c, which allows an exception to dehumidification for controls for vivariums;
- Addendum p, which increases allowable pressure drop in laboratory exhaust systems;
- Addendum aw, which adds an additional lighting allowance for nightlights in hotel/motel bathrooms;
- Addendum cc, which allows higher flow rates in 8" piping; and
- Addendum dc, which eliminates tandem wiring requirements.

DOE believes that in these cases, the reduction in stringency was not considered a major impact. For the other addenda, DOE preliminarily determined that the remaining addenda either represented no change in stringency, or indicated a positive change in stringency corresponding to improved efficiency. Overall, DOE preliminarily concluded the changes in textual requirements and stringencies are "positive," in the sense that they would improve energy efficiency in commercial construction.

The quantitative analysis preliminarily shows that for the 16 prototype buildings, a weighted average national improvement in new building efficiency of 16.5 percent, when considering source energy, and by 17.1 percent, when considering site energy.

As both the 2007 and 2010 editions cover existing buildings, to the extent that these standards are applied to existing buildings in retrofits or in new construction addition, the 2010 edition should improve the efficiency of the existing building stock.

DOE has, therefore, preliminarily concluded that Standard 90.1–2010

receive an affirmative determination under Section 304(b) of ECPA.

III. Filing Certification Statements With DOE

A. Review and Update

If today's determination is finalized, each State would be required to review and update, as necessary, the provisions of its commercial building energy code to meet or exceed the energy efficiency provisions of the 2010 edition. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i)) This action would be required to be taken not later than two years from the date of the final determination notice, unless an extension is provided.

The DOE recognizes that some States do not have a State commercial building energy code or have a State code that does not apply to all commercial buildings. If local building energy codes regulate commercial building design and construction rather than a State code, the State must review and make all reasonable efforts to update as authorized those local codes to determine whether they meet or exceed the 2010 edition of Standard 90.1. States

may base their certifications on reasonable actions by units of general purpose local government. Each such State must still review the information obtained from the local governments and gather any additional data and testimony for its own certification.

Note that the applicability of any State revisions to new or existing buildings would be governed by the State building codes. However, it is our understanding that generally, the revisions would not apply to existing buildings unless they are undergoing a change that requires a building permit.

States should be aware that the DOE considers high-rise (greater than three stories) multi-family residential buildings, hotel, motel, and other transient residential building types of any height as commercial buildings for energy code purposes. Consequently, commercial buildings, for the purposes of certification, would include high-rise (greater than three stories) multi-family residential buildings, hotel, motel, and other transient residential building types of any height.

B. Certification

If today's determination is finalized, Section 304(b) of ECPA, as amended, requires each State to certify to the Secretary of Energy that it has reviewed and updated the provisions of its commercial building energy code regarding energy efficiency to meet or exceed the Standard 90.1–2010 edition. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)) If today's determination is finalized before the 2 year deadline to file a certification for the 2007 positive determination then a state may file just one certification to address both determinations. The certification must include a demonstration that the provisions of the State's commercial building energy code regarding energy efficiency meet or exceed Standard 90.1–2010. If a State intends to certify that its commercial building energy code already meets or exceeds the requirements of Standard 90.1–2010, the State should provide an explanation of the basis for this certification, *e.g.*, Standard 90.1–2010 is incorporated by reference in the State's building code regulations. The chief executive of the State (*e.g.*, the Governor) or a designated State official, such as the Director of the State energy office, State code commission, utility commission, or equivalent State agency having primary responsibility for commercial building energy codes, would provide the certification to the Secretary. Such a designated State official would also provide the certifications regarding the codes of units of general purpose local

government based on information provided by responsible local officials.

DOE does list the States that have filed certifications and those that have or have not adopted new codes on the DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Web site at <http://www.energycodes.gov/states/>. Once a State has adopted a new commercial code, DOE typically provides software, training, and support for the new code as long as the new code is based on the national model codes (in this case, ASHRAE Standard 90.1).

Some States develop their own codes that are only loosely related to the national model codes and DOE does not typically provide technical support for those codes. However, DOE does provide grants to these States through grant programs administered by the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). DOE does not prescribe how each State adopts and enforces its energy codes.

C. Request for Extensions To Certify

Section 304(c) of ECPA, requires that the Secretary permit an extension of the deadline for complying with the certification requirements described above, if a State can demonstrate that it has made a good faith effort to comply with such requirements and that it has made significant progress toward meeting its certification obligations. (42 U.S.C. 6833(c)) Such demonstrations could include one or both of the following: (1) A plan for response to the requirements stated in section 304; or (2) a statement that the State has appropriated or requested funds (within State funding procedures) to implement a plan that would respond to the requirements of Section 304 of ECPA. This list is not exhaustive.

IV. Regulatory Analysis

A. Review Under Executive Order 12866

Today's action is a significant regulatory action under section 3(f)(1) of Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review" (58 FR 51735; October 4, 1993). Accordingly, today's action was reviewed by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

B. Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) requires the preparation of an initial regulatory flexibility analysis for any rule that by law must be proposed for public comment, unless the agency certifies that the rule, if promulgated, will not

have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. As required by Executive Order 13272, "Proper Consideration of Small Entities in Agency Rulemaking," (67 FR 53461 (Aug. 16, 2002)), DOE published procedures and policies on February 19, 2003, to ensure that the potential impacts of its rules on small entities are properly considered during the rulemaking process (68 FR 7990). DOE has made its procedures and policies available on the Office of General Counsel's Web site: <http://www.gc.doe.gov>.

DOE has reviewed today's preliminary determination under the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the procedures and policies published on February 19, 2003. If today's action on the preliminary determination of improved energy efficiency between the 2007 and 2010 editions of Standard 90.1 is finalized by DOE then it would require States to undertake an analysis of their respective building codes. As such, the only entities directly regulated by this preliminary determination would be States. DOE does not believe that there will be any direct impacts on small entities such as small businesses, small organizations, or small governmental jurisdictions.

On the basis of the foregoing, DOE certifies that this preliminary determination would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a regulatory flexibility analysis for this preliminary determination. DOE's certification and supporting statement of factual basis will be provided to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b).

C. Review Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

DOE has preliminarily determined that today's action is covered under the Categorical Exclusion found in DOE's National Environmental Policy Act regulations at paragraph A.6. of Appendix A to subpart D, 10 CFR part 1021. That Categorical Exclusion applies to actions that are strictly procedural, such as rulemaking establishing the administration of grants. Today's action is required by Title III of ECPA, as amended, which provides that whenever the Standard 90.1–1989, or any successor to that code, is revised, the Secretary must make a determination, not later than 12 months after such revision, whether the revised code would improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings and

must publish notice of such determination in the **Federal Register**. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(A)) If the Secretary determines that the revision of Standard 90.1–1989 or any successor thereof, improves the level of energy efficiency in commercial buildings then no later than two years after the date of the publication of such affirmative determination, each State is required to certify that it has reviewed and updated the provisions of its commercial building code regarding energy efficiency with respect to the revised or successor code. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i)) If the Secretary makes a determination that the revised standard will not improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings then State commercial codes shall meet or exceed the last revised standard for which the Secretary has made a positive determination. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(ii)) Therefore, DOE has preliminarily determined that the Secretary's determination is not a major Federal action that would have direct environmental impacts. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

D. Review Under Executive Order 13132, "Federalism"

Executive Order 13132, 64 FR 43255 (Aug 4, 1999), imposes certain requirements on agencies formulating and implementing policies or regulations that pre-empt State law or that have federalism implications. Agencies are required to examine the constitutional and statutory authority supporting any action that would limit the policymaking discretion of the States and carefully assess the necessity for such actions.

DOE has reviewed the statutory authority. Congress found that:

(1) Large amounts of fuel and energy are consumed unnecessarily each year in heating, cooling, ventilating, and providing domestic hot water for newly constructed residential and commercial buildings because such buildings lack adequate energy conservation features;

(2) Federal voluntary performance standards for newly constructed buildings can prevent such waste of energy, which the Nation can no longer afford in view of its current and anticipated energy shortage;

(3) The failure to provide adequate energy conservation measures in newly constructed buildings increases long-term operating costs that may affect adversely the repayment of, and security for, loans made, insured, or guaranteed by Federal agencies or made by

Federally insured or regulated instrumentalities; and

(4) State and local building codes or similar controls can provide an existing means by which to assure, in coordination with other building requirements and with a minimum of Federal interference in State and local transactions, that newly constructed buildings contain adequate energy conservation features. (42 U.S.C. 6831)

Pursuant to Section 304(b) of ECPA, DOE is statutorily required to determine whether the most recent versions of ASHRAE 90.1 would improve the level of energy efficiency in commercial buildings as compared to the previous version. If DOE makes a positive determination, the statute requires each State to certify that it has reviewed and updated the provisions of its commercial building code regarding energy efficiency with respect to the revised or successor codes. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i))

Executive Order 13132, 64 FR 43255 (August 4, 1999) requires meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications unless "funds necessary to pay the direct costs incurred by the State and local governments in complying with the regulation are provided by the Federal Government." (62 FR 43257) Pursuant to Section 304(e) of ECPA, the DOE Secretary is required to "provide incentive funding to States to implement the requirements of [Section 304], and to improve and implement State residential and commercial building energy efficiency codes, including increasing and verifying compliance with such codes. In determining whether, and in what amount, to provide incentive funding under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider the actions proposed by the State to implement the requirements of this section, to improve and implement residential and commercial building energy efficiency codes, and to promote building energy efficiency through the use of such codes." (42 U.S.C. 6833(e)) Therefore, consultation with States and local officials regarding this preliminary determination was not required.

However, DOE notes that State and local governments were invited to participate in the development Standard 90.1–2010. Standard 90.1–2010, was developed in a national American National Standards Institute consensus process open to the public and in which State and local governments participate along with DOE and other interested parties. It is the product of a series of amendments to the prior addition of the

standard. Each addendum is put out for national public review. Anyone may submit comments, and in the process comments were received from State and local governments. Comments on the addendum are received, reviewed and resolved through a consensus process. Members of the standards project committee have included representatives of State and local governments.

DOE annually holds a national building energy codes workshop at which the progress on development of the model energy codes are presented, along with discussion and sharing of problems and successes in adoption, implementation, and enforcement of building energy codes. The predominate attendance of these workshops are State and local officials responsible for building energy codes. They are consistently encouraged and urged to participate in the model building energy code processes, which will be the subject of DOE's next determinations under section 304 of ECPA. Thus, State and local officials have had the opportunity to participate in the development of the standard through the ASHRAE process. Some have done so.

Similarly, the comments of States and local governments about provisions of the developing Standard 90.1–2010 were received in formal comment periods and heard and addressed in ASHRAE committee deliberations open to the public. In addition, concerns and issues about adoption, implementation and enforcement issues were presented and discussed at informal sessions at the Department's annual national workshops on building energy codes. DOE believes that the above process has given State and local jurisdictions extensive opportunity to comment on and express their concerns on Standard 90.1–2010, the subject of this determination.

On issuance of a final determination that Standard 90.1–2010 would improve the energy efficiency of commercial buildings, ECPA requires the States to certify to the Secretary that it has reviewed and updated the provisions of its commercial building code regarding energy efficiency to meet or exceed the requirements of Standard 90.1–2010. DOE notes that ECPA sets forth this requirement for States. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i)) States are given broad freedom to either adopt Standard 90.1–2010 or develop their own code that meets equivalent energy efficiency.

E. Review Under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4) generally requires Federal agencies to examine closely the impacts of regulatory actions on State, local, and Tribal governments. Subsection 101(5) of Title I of that law defines a Federal intergovernmental mandate to include any regulation that would impose upon State, local, or Tribal governments an enforceable duty, except a condition of Federal assistance or a duty arising from participating in a voluntary Federal program. Title II of that law requires each Federal agency to assess the effects of Federal regulatory actions on State, local, and Tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, other than to the extent such actions merely incorporate requirements specifically set forth in a statute. Section 202 of that title requires a Federal agency to perform a detailed assessment of the anticipated costs and benefits of any rule that includes a Federal mandate which may result in costs to State, local, or Tribal governments, or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more. Section 204 of that title requires each agency that proposes a rule containing a significant Federal intergovernmental mandate to develop an effective process for obtaining meaningful and timely input from elected officers of State, local, and Tribal governments.

If today's determination is finalized, each State would be required under Section 304 of ECPA to review and update, as necessary, the provisions of its commercial building energy code to meet or exceed the provisions of the 2010 edition of Standard 90.1. (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i)) Section 304 of ECPA requires State action in response to a positive determination by DOE. The statutory requirements of ECPA require DOE to provide a determination irrespective of costs. While the processes that States may undertake to update their codes vary widely, as a general rule a State at a minimum would need to:

- Evaluate Standard 90.1-2010 using the background material provided by DOE.
- Compare the existing State commercial building energy code to Standard 90.1-2010 to see if an update is needed.
- Update the State commercial building energy code to meet or exceed Standard 90.1-2010.

DOE evaluated the potential for State activity to exceed \$100 million in any one year. The approach looked at the three steps for minimum activity listed

in the previous paragraph—evaluate, compare and update. A fourth potential step of providing training on the new code was also considered as some States may consider training on the new code to be an integral part of adopting the new code. For the three steps of minimum activity, DOE estimated the following:

Evaluate Standard 90.1-2010—DOE estimated a minimum of 8 hours of review per State and a maximum review time of 500 hours of review per State (12.5 work weeks). The minimum review time of 8 hours (one day) is the estimated minimum amount of time DOE can see States taking to review Standard 90.1-2010. Reading and reviewing the **Federal Register** notice, the qualitative analysis document and the quantitative analysis document will take the average person several hours. Deciding on whether or not to upgrade to Standard 90.1-2010 may take another couple of hours. The maximum review time of 500 hours (62.5 days, 3 working months) upper limit was estimated as the amount of time that a State that was not familiar with energy codes at all or which has a particularly arduous review process within the State would take to review these documents.

(1) A cost per hour of \$100 per hour was assumed based on actual rates proposed in subcontracts associated with compliance studies funded by DOE. The average rate calculated from these subcontracts for 10 types of building officials from 6 states was \$93.41, so DOE chose to round this up to \$100 per hour.

a. Low estimate—8 hours * 50 states * \$100 per hour = \$40,000

b. High estimate—500 hours * 50 states * \$100 per hour = \$2,500,000

(2) Compare Standard 90.1-2010 to existing state code—Assuming the State is familiar with its code and has performed an effective evaluation of Standard 90.1 in the first step, the range of potential costs should be similar to Step 1. (See Step 1 for discussion of 8 hour and 500 hour times and \$100 per hour cost estimate).

a. Low estimate—8 hours * 50 states * \$100 per hour = \$40,000

b. High estimate—500 hours * 50 states * \$100 per hour = \$2,500,000

(3) Update the State Codes to meet or exceed Standard 90.1-2010—Adopting a new energy code could be as simple as updating an order within the State, or it could be very complex involving hearings, testimony, *etc.* Again, the range of potential costs should be similar to Step 1. (See Step 1 for discussion of origin of 8 hour and 500 hour times and \$100 per hour cost estimate).

a. Low estimate—8 hours * 50 states * \$100 per hour = \$40,000

b. High estimate—500 hours * 50 states * \$100 per hour = \$2,500,000

The potential range of total costs to States to under these assumptions would be \$120,000 to \$7.5 million. This range is well below the \$100 million threshold in the Unfunded Mandates Act. DOE has also considered potential costs were States to provide training on the new code.

(4) Train Code officials on New Code—Assuming every jurisdiction has at least one person that needs to be trained on energy code. There are roughly 40,000 general purpose local governments, or jurisdictions, in the U.S. The total number of jurisdictions in the U.S. that enforce energy codes is not known with any degree of certainty. The National League of Cities publishes an estimate of the number of local governments in the U.S. at http://www.nlc.org/about_cities/cities_101/142.aspx. Their summary indicates the following:

- 19,429 Municipal governments;
- 16,504 Town or Township governments;
- 3,034 County governments;
- 13,506 School districts; and
- 35,052 Special district governments.

DOE believes it is reasonable to assume that all of the municipal governments, town or township governments, and county governments could be required to acquire training on Standard 90.1-2010 in order to enforce this standard as an adopted energy code. In addition, the 50 state governments would be required to acquire training. This number adds up to 19,429 + 16,504 + 3,034 + 50 = 38,667. Another widely mentioned estimate of the total number of code adopting jurisdictions in the U.S. is 44,000. This number is based on the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (NCBCS). See, for example, http://www.ncsbc.org/newsite/New%20Releases/RW_Presentation_060602.htm. Both these estimates are in reasonable agreement and so DOE assumed that there are 40,000 potential jurisdictions that potentially would need training on a new energy code.

Based on training experiences of the Building Energy Codes Program staff, with conducting training sessions for jurisdictional staff regarding Standard 90.1, one full-day (8 hours) of training is normally sufficient. Therefore, DOE has used 8 hours as a low estimate and 16 hours as a high estimate for training hours required if a jurisdiction were to adopt Standard 90.1-2010.

a. Low estimate—8 hours * 40,000 jurisdictions * \$100 per hour = \$32,000,000

b. High Estimate—16 hours * 40,000 jurisdictions * \$100 per hour = \$64,000,000

Adding the potential training costs of \$32 million to \$64 million to the costs for the three steps indicates a potential total costs ranging from \$32.12 million to \$71.5 million. The high end of this estimate is less than the \$100 million threshold in the Unfunded Mandates Act. Accordingly, no further action is required under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

F. Review Under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act of 1999

Section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 105–277) requires Federal agencies to issue a Family Policymaking Assessment for any rule that may affect family well-being. Today's action would not have any impact on the autonomy or integrity of the family as an institution. Accordingly, DOE has concluded that it is not necessary to prepare a Family Policymaking Assessment.

G. Review Under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act of 2001

Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516, note) provides for agencies to review most disseminations of information to the public under guidelines established by each agency pursuant to general guidelines issued by OMB. OMB's guidelines were published at 67 FR 8452 (Feb. 22, 2002), and DOE's guidelines were published at 67 FR 62446 (Oct. 7, 2002). DOE has reviewed today's action under the OMB and DOE guidelines and has concluded that it is consistent with applicable policies in those guidelines.

H. Review Under Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use," 66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001), requires Federal agencies to prepare and submit to the OMB a Statement of Energy Effects for any proposed significant energy action. A "significant energy action" is defined as any action by an agency that promulgated or is expected to lead to promulgation of a final rule, and that: (1) Is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, or any successor order; and (2) Is likely to have

a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy; or (3) Is designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) as a significant energy action. For any proposed significant energy action, the agency must give a detailed statement of any adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use, should the proposal be implemented, and of reasonable alternatives to the action and their expected benefits on energy supply, distribution, and use.

Today's action would not have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy and is therefore not a significant energy action. Accordingly, DOE has not prepared a Statement of Energy Effects.

I. Review Under Executive Order 13175

Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian tribal Governments" (65 FR 67249 (Nov. 9, 2000)), requires DOE to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications." "Policies that have tribal implications" refers to regulations that have "substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes." Today's regulatory action is not a policy that has "tribal implications" under Executive Order 13175. DOE has reviewed today's action under Executive Order 13175 and has determined that it is consistent with applicable policies of that Executive Order.

V. Public Participation

The public is invited to submit comments on the preliminary determinations. Comments must be provided by August 19, 2011 using any of the methods described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. If you submit information that you believe to be exempt by law from public disclosure, you should submit one complete copy, as well as one copy from which the information claimed to be exempt by law from public disclosure has been deleted. DOE is responsible for the final determination with regard to disclosure or nondisclosure of the information and for treating it accordingly under the DOE Freedom of Information regulations at 10 CFR 1004.11.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG11–101–000.
Applicants: Bishop Hill Energy, LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Bishop Hill Energy LLC.

Filed Date: 07/13/2011.
Accession Number: 20110713–5056.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, August 03, 2011.

Docket Numbers: EG11–102–000.
Applicants: Bishop Hill Energy III LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Bishop Hill Energy III LLC.

Filed Date: 07/13/2011.
Accession Number: 20110713–5065.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, August 03, 2011.

Docket Numbers: EG11–103–000.
Applicants: Bishop Hill Energy II LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Bishop Hill Energy II LLC.

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Docket Numbers: EG11–104–000.
Applicants: CSOLAR IV South, LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of CSOLAR IV South, LLC.

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Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10–3357–000; ER10–3357–001.
Applicants: Entergy Arkansas, Inc.