

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

## 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket Number: EE-RM/STD-01-375]

RIN 1904-AB06

**Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Unitary Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of rescheduling of public workshop and extension of time to submit comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document: (1) Announces a new date of Monday, October 1, 2001, for the informal public workshop on commercial unitary air conditioner and heat pump efficiency standards originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2001; and (2) extends the time period to November 1, 2001, for submitting comments regarding the Framework Document, as described in a previous announcement on Friday, August 17, 2001 in the **Federal Register**. (66 FR 43123).

**DATES:** The public workshop originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2001 in Washington, DC, has been rescheduled for Monday, October 1, 2001 in Washington, DC at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written comments must be received on or before Thursday, November 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. (Please note that foreign nationals visiting DOE Headquarters are subject to advance security screening procedures. If you are a foreign national and wish to participate in the workshop, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 so that the necessary procedures can be completed.)

A limited number of call-in phone lines will be provided for the October 1, 2001, workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those unable to travel. Please contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 to obtain the call-in phone number.

On June 18, 2001, the draft Framework Document was placed on the DOE website at: [http://](http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/codes_standards/index.htm)

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Written comments are welcome, especially following the workshop. Please submit written comments to: Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Unitary Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps, Docket Number: EE-RM/STD-01-375, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945; Telefax: (202) 586-4617. You should label comments both on the envelope and on the documents and submit them for DOE receipt by November 1, 2001. Please submit one signed copy and a computer diskette (WordPerfect 8) or 10 copies (no telefacsimiles). The Department will also accept electronically-mailed comments, e-mailed to [Brenda.Edwards-Jones@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Brenda.Edwards-Jones@ee.doe.gov), but you must supplement such comments with a signed hard copy.

Copies of the transcript of the public workshop, the public comments received, the Framework Document, and this notice may be read at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0371, email: [bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov](mailto:bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov), or Francine Pinto, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-7432, email: [francine.pinto@hq.doe.gov](mailto:francine.pinto@hq.doe.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

## 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket Number EE-RM/STD-98-440]

RIN 1904-AA77

**Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Energy Conservation Standards**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; rescheduling of public hearing, extension of time to submit comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document: Announces a new date of October 2, 2001, for the public hearing originally scheduled for September 13, 2001; and extends the time period to October 19, 2001 for submitting comments regarding the supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking published on July 25, 2001.

**DATES:** Oral views, data, and arguments may be presented at the public hearing rescheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on October 2, 2001 in Washington, DC. DOE must receive requests to speak at the public hearing and a copy of your statements no later than 4 p.m., September 26, 2001, and we request that you provide a computer diskette (WordPerfect 8) of each statement at that time. Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume that persons who previously submitted requests to speak at the public hearing scheduled for September 13, 2001 will present oral statements at the hearing on October 2, 2001.

Comments must be received on or before October 19, 2001. DOE is requesting a signed original, a computer diskette (WordPerfect 8) and 10 copies of the written comments. DOE will also accept e-mailed comments, but you must send a signed original.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit written comments, oral statements, and requests to speak at the public hearing to: Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps, Docket No. EE-RM/STD-98-440, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone (202) 586-2945; Telefax: (202) 586-4617. You should label comments both on the envelope and on the documents and submit them for DOE receipt by October 19, 2001. You

may send emails to: [brenda.edwards-jones@ee.doe.gov](mailto:brenda.edwards-jones@ee.doe.gov).

The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. (Please note that foreign nationals visiting DOE Headquarters are subject to advance security screening procedures. If you are a foreign national and wish to participate in the workshop, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 so that the necessary procedures can be completed.) You can find more information concerning public participation in this rulemaking proceeding in Section VII, "Public Comment," of the previous published notice of proposed rulemaking. (66 FR 38822).

A limited number of call-in phone lines will be provided for the October 2, 2001, workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those unable to travel. Please contact Ms. Brenda Edwards-Jones at (202) 586-2945 to obtain the call-in phone number.

Copies of the transcript of the public hearing, the public comments received and this notice may be read at the Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-3142, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael E. McCabe, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, EE-41, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0854, e-mail: [ME.mccabe@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ME.mccabe@ee.doe.gov), or Michael Bowers, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Forrestal Building, GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8140, e-mail: [mike.bowers@hq.doe.gov](mailto:mike.bowers@hq.doe.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NE-32-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company GE90 Series Turbofan Engines

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to General Electric Company (GE) GE90 series turbofan engines. This proposal would require removing from service high pressure turbine (HPT) interstage seals, identified by GE as the pre-life-improved rotor (pre-LIR) configuration, and installing a new design, identified by GE as the life improved rotor (LIR) configuration seal. This proposal would also require a new lower life limit for the LIR configuration seal. This proposal is prompted by an uncontained engine failure which occurred during a factory development engine ground test. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to prevent failure of the HPT interstage seal that could result in an uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NE-32-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: [9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov](mailto:9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov) Comments sent via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line. Comments may be inspected at this location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from General Electric Company via Lockheed Martin Technology Services, 10525 Chester Road, Suite C, Cincinnati, OH 45215; telephone: (513) 672-8400, fax: (513) 672-8422. This information may be examined at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel,

12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John E. Golinski, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone: (781) 238-7135; fax: (781) 238-7199.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report summarizing each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this proposal will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2001-NE-32-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

##### Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2001-NE-32-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

##### Discussion

In September, 2000 a GE90 factory development engine experienced an uncontained failure of the HPT interstage seal during an engineering ground test. The failure occurred on the current configuration HPT interstage seal, identified as the LIR configuration. The LIR configuration HPT interstage seal was introduced as part of an HPT product improvement package. The