

Enforcement Policy Statement – Dedicated Purpose Pool Pump Motors

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In an exercise of its enforcement discretion, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will not seek civil penalties concerning violations of the energy conservation standards in [10 CFR 431.485\(c\)](#) and/or the certification requirements in [10 CFR 429.12](#) with respect to distribution in commerce of a small-size (based on total horsepower, “THP,” $0.5 \leq \text{THP} < 1.15$) dedicated-purpose pool pump motor (“DPPPM”) manufactured on or after September 28, 2027, but before March 26, 2029.

Background:

In a final rule published on September 28, 2023, DOE adopted energy conservation standards for DPPPMs, which, among other things, included a variable-speed control design requirement for small ($0.5 \leq \text{THP} < 1.15$) and standard size ($1.15 \leq \text{THP} \leq 5$) DPPPMs. [88 FR 66966](#). The rule adopted staggered compliance dates. Compliance with the new standards for standard-size DPPPMs ($1.15 \leq \text{THP} \leq 5$) is required for models manufactured on and after September 29, 2025. Compliance with the new standards established for small-size DPPPMs ($0.5 \leq \text{THP} < 1.15$) is required for models manufactured on and after September 28, 2027. DOE provided a compliance date for small-size DPPPMs that was two years later than other size DPPPMs because DOE recognized that there were limited models available in the market and manufacturers would need additional time to scale up their manufacturing lines for these smaller sizes. [88 FR 66977-78](#).

Additionally, many DPPPMs are certified to UL 1004-10 Safety Standard for Pool Pump Motors. DOE’s regulations for DPPPM do not require that motors be certified to this standard; however, DOE understands that this industry standard has not yet been harmonized with DOE regulations for small-size DPPPMs, which may introduce confusion for sellers and purchasers of small-size DPPPMs.

Application:

Considering the need for more time to scale up manufacturing identified in the final rule and the additional complicating factor of harmonization with the industry safety standard, DOE will delay enforcement activities and will not seek civil penalties concerning violations of the energy conservation standards for small-size DPPPMs in [10 CFR 431.485\(c\)](#) and/or the certification requirements in [10 CFR 429.12](#) until March 26, 2029.

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