



How to Submit a Public Comment on a DOE Buy America Waiver Request

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) and 2 CFR 184 requires that DOE make a proposed Buy America Requirement waiver available for a period of not less than 15-calendar days to allow for public comment before a waiver is issued. DOE will consider public comments received during the public comment period in its evaluation of a waiver request.

In particular, DOE welcomes comments on the scope of the requested waiver to include the proposed items, length of time, and/or purpose to allow DOE to make an informed final determination on those aspects of the waiver.

DOE may reach out to commentors for more details or information in its review of the comments received.

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMENT

DOE posts all waiver requests that meet the legal and policy requirements of BABA on the **DOE** Buy America Requirement Waiver Requests webpage. The waiver requests are made available for public comment for a period of no less than 15-calendar days. Public comments must be submitted by email to the email address provided in the waiver request and received prior to the public comment closing date to be reviewed and considered by DOE. The email subject line must reference the appropriate Waiver Request Number and Title that the comments pertain to.

DOE will consider public comments received during the public comment period in its evaluation of a waiver request; any comments received after the comment period end date will not be considered. DOE cannot guarantee your comment will be recorded correctly and used in its evaluation of the waiver request if the correct Waiver Request Number and Title is not in the subject line of the comment email.

PUBLIC COMMENT USE

DOE will review all public comments submitted within the open public comment period and will use the information provided by the public comments in its evaluation of waiver requests. DOE's evaluation of each waiver request and a summary of public comments received may be provided to the Made in America Office at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment prior to DOE's final decision to approve or disapprove a waiver request. Public comments received by DOE may be publicized on the DOE Buy America Requirement Waiver Request webpage upon final disposition of the waiver request.

