

Frequently Asked Questions

Request for Information Pertaining to Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves

1. What is the purpose of this notice?

This Request for Information (RFI) initiates the review process outlined by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, and seeks input from the public to assist the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with its determination about whether amended energy conservation standards are warranted for commercial prerinse spray valves (CPSVs).

Information received in response to this request will help DOE determine whether amending the energy efficiency requirements for CPSVs would result in significant energy and water savings and whether such standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified.

This RFI is part of DOE's ongoing commitment to consider feedback from all interested stakeholders and promote an open and transparent rulemaking process.

2. What type of information is the Department looking for?

In this RFI, DOE seeks information related to the U.S. CPSV industry, technology, and market, and whether there have been sufficient technological or market changes since the most recent standards update that may justify a new rulemaking to consider more stringent standards. Specifically, DOE seeks data and information that could enable the agency to determine whether DOE should propose a "no new standard" determination because a more stringent standard: (1) would not result in a significant savings of energy and water; (2) is not technologically feasible; (3) is not economically justified; or (4) any combination of foregoing.

3. What is a CPSV?

A "commercial prerinse spray valve" is a handheld device that has a release-to-close valve and is suitable for removing food residue from food service items before cleaning them in commercial dishwashing or ware washing equipment. 10 CFR 431.262.

4. How much energy do CPSVs consume?

DOE estimates the total installed stock consumes 38 billion gallons of water per year and approximately 0.032 quads of primary energy per year from the associated hot water use.

5. How many CPSVs are shipped annually in the United States?

DOE estimates approximately 230,000 CPSVs will be shipped in 2019 with a total installed stock of just over 1 million units.

6. Who are the parties that may be interested in this notice?

Interested parties include manufacturers of CPSVs, trade associations, distributors, energy and water utilities, state and local municipalities, international organizations, and consumer, energy, and environmental advocacy groups.

7. How does an interested party comment on this notice and when are comments due?

The comment period for this rule will be 30 days, beginning on the date in which this document publishes in the *Federal Register*. Interested parties may submit comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or via email to CPSV2019STD0034@ee.doe.gov identified with docket number EERE-2019-BT-STD-0034. Comments may also be submitted via postal mail or hand delivery by following the instructions found in the document.