

On Thursday, August 28, 2025 the following met with Carolyn Snyder, Hayes Jones, Jeremy Domm, Peter Cochran, and Troy Watson at the Department of Energy:

Joseph Edwin Eaves, III, Executive Vice President, Lot Sixteen  
Kirk Frederick Anderson, Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs, ABB  
Alyssa Misiewicz, Senior Associate, Lot Sixteen  
Rosalind Marie Curtin, Associate General Counsel, Regal Rexnord  
Todd Robert Sims, Senior Director, Regulatory & Industry Affairs – Built Environment, NEMA

Topics of discussion included the open furnace fan rule, the ESEM rule, and the pool pump motor rule.

On the ESEM rule, industry noted that the enforcement policy is due to expire October 2026 and that the test procedure was delayed to 2027. They suggested that the DOE either reconsider coverage, as the current test method is not designed for all applicable products, or open a rulemaking to explore the previous test method. They explained that the test procedure in its current state will harm the adoption of better performing products.

On the furnace fan rule, attendees stressed the importance of business clarity and therefore enactment, underscoring the value of supporting domestic industry, which manufactures to a higher standard than foreign competitors.

Regarding pool pumps, the group flagged that a CRA rolled back the related certification requirements, but the DOE website has not been updated to reflect that change, instead showing that certifications are still required. They noted that customers have reached out to them, requesting certifications and further information. Industry requested that the DOE update this regulatory requirement to prevent further confusion and reflect the Congressional change.