

# CANADA-UNITED STATES REGULATORY COOPERATION COUNCIL

Webinar:  
Proposed Approach for  
Energy Efficiency Standards  
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# What We Heard on October 8<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C.

- Misaligned test methods are the primary concern
- Alignment makes sense for many, but not all products (e.g. climate sensitive products)
- Canada has to catch-up and needs a broader set of legislative/regulatory tools to do this
- Participating in two national regulatory processes is costly

# Purpose of this Webinar

- To provide an overview of DOE-NRC's proposed approach to support RCC commitment
- To receive your feedback to determine whether we are on the right track

# RCC Energy Efficiency Commitment in Joint Forward Plan

Natural Resources Canada and the U.S. Department of Energy have established **the goal of aligning new and updated energy efficiency standards and test methods** for energy-using equipment through **enhanced information sharing** and their **cooperative development** and implementation, to the extent **practicable and permitted by law**.

This includes a commitment to: annually share work plans (schedules) for test procedures and standards; develop guidelines for frequency of interaction and information sharing (e.g., test data, market analyses, etc.); mutually participate in each country's process to establish standards and testing requirements; and leverage multilateral initiatives to advance energy efficiency objectives.

# Key Dates

- By **February 27<sup>th</sup> 2015** we will jointly publish:
  - Regulatory Partnership Statement
  - Annual Work Plan
    - State of Alignment
- By **summer 2015**, we will use your comments on the proposed priorities to align and publish a revised Annual Work Plan

# Proposed Regulatory Partnership Statement

- Outlines the scope of cooperation
  - Types of activities that could be undertaken to support RCC commitment
- Governance
  - senior/strategic level
  - technical level
- Stakeholder role
  - informing regulatory priorities, providing data on performance, costs, and industry trends

# Proposed Annual Work Plan

- Three work streams are proposed
  - Fostering future alignment
    - Activities related to products for which U.S. intends to initiate regulatory development in 2016
  - Maintaining alignment
    - Activities related to products that the U.S. intends to finalize in 2015
  - Addressing existing misalignment
    - Activities related to products that the U.S. has already finalized, for which Canadian action is required to align
- A State of Alignment document will show how the current Federal U.S. and Canadian regulations for test procedures and standards compare on a product-by-product basis



# Stakeholder Homework

- Review Annual Work Plan as published on February 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Fact-check our assessment of State of Alignment
  - Indicate whether our proposed priorities to address misalignment make sense
  - Comment on any other aspects associated with fostering and maintaining alignment
  - Provide comments within 60 days

# NRCan-DOE Homework

- Review stakeholder comments on Annual Work Plan
- Publish updated version based on stakeholder comments (target early summer 2015)
- Set up first strategic and technical level RCC meeting (target fall 2015)

# Any Comments/Questions?

