

## **Enforcement Policy Statement – Furnace Fans**

Issued: November 2, 2018

Rescinded: February 11, 2019

The enforcement policy statement issued November 2, 2018, regarding consumer furnace fan regulations is rescinded. DOE notes that compliance with the consumer furnace fan standards is not required until July 3, 2019.

Background: The Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) submitted a petition for rulemaking requesting that DOE consider establishing a combined metric for consumer furnaces that would include standby power and the power used by the furnace fan rather than subjecting furnace fans to a separate standard. AHRI stated that, if DOE were to do so, requiring manufacturers to test and comply with the current Fan Energy Rating (FER) test procedure (10 C.F.R. 430.23(cc) and 10 C.F.R. Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix AA) and standard (10 C.F.R. 430.32(y)) while developing the combined metric would result in unnecessary costs to manufacturers. In response, DOE issued an enforcement policy stating that, while DOE considers AHRI's petition for rulemaking, DOE would not enforce the testing, certification, and standards compliance requirements for consumer furnace fans. In response to DOE's policy statement, DOE received comments from a wide variety of parties opposing the enforcement policy. In addition, on February 8, 2019, AHRI submitted a letter requesting that DOE rescind the enforcement policy.