



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

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requires that DOE make a proposed waiver available for a 15-calendar day public comment period before a waiver is issued. DOE will consider public comments received during the 15-calendar day period in its evaluation of a waiver request.

In particular, DOE welcomes comments on the scope of the requested waiver to include the 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 you for more details or information in its review of your comment.

### **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. When a waiver request is posted, the public will have 15-calendar days to review an initial waiver request and submit comments and will have 30-calendar days to review a renewal waiver request and submit comments.

DOE will consider public comments received during the comment period in its evaluation of a waiver request; any comments received after the comment period has ended will not be considered. The public comment period begins on the date stated in the COMMENT START DATE column and ends on the date stated in the COMMENT END DATE column.

To comment on a waiver, go to the [DOE Buy America Requirement Waiver Requests](#) webpage and find the WAIVER NUMBER for the waiver on which you would like to comment. Every waiver listed on the page will have a date identifying the start and end of the public comment period. DOE will not review public comments sent on waivers after the date stated in the COMMENT END DATE column.

Public comments must be sent to DOE via email to **the email address provided in the waiver request**, and the WAIVER NUMBER must be in the email subject line. If you do not include the correct WAIVER NUMBER in the subject line, DOE cannot guarantee your comment will be recorded correctly and used in its evaluation of the waiver request.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT USE**

DOE will review all public comments submitted within the 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 will 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.