

Enforcement Policy Statement – Furnace Fans

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The Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) has 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 states that, if DOE were to do so, requiring manufacturers to test and comply with the current FER test procedure (10 C.F.R. 430.32(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. Therefore, while DOE considers AHRI's petition for rulemaking, DOE will not enforce the testing, certification, and standards compliance requirements for consumer furnace fans. DOE notes that compliance with the FER standards is not required until July 3, 2019.

If DOE ultimately grants the petition for rulemaking, DOE expects that this policy would be extended during the pendency of that rulemaking.

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