

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Notice of Data Availability Regarding National Energy Savings Estimates in Energy Conservation Standards Rulemakings

#### 1. What information does this Notice of Data Availability (NODA) provide?

The NODA outlines the national energy savings, measured in quads of site energy, of 57 energy conservation standards issued by the Department between 1989 and present day. The NODA also lists the analysis period for each rule, the national site energy savings over the analysis period, and the corresponding percentage reduction in energy use over the analysis period.

In total, the 57 rules resulted in national site energy savings of 54.64 quads. Table II.1 of the NODA contains the results of applying a variety of significant energy savings thresholds to these 57 rules.

#### 2. Why is DOE issuing this NODA?

On February 13, 2019, DOE [published](#) a notice of proposed rulemaking to update and modernize the Process Rule in which DOE proposed to define an energy savings threshold to satisfy the requirement in EPCA that a new or amended energy conservation standard must result in a significant conservation of energy. In proposing these thresholds, DOE considered national energy savings estimates from energy conservation standards rulemakings issued between 1989 and present day. However, the national energy savings data that DOE relied upon in its proposed rule were not reported in the same units (e.g. some were reported as site energy savings and others as full fuel cycle). To enable the public to provide input on the proposed threshold, and to allow apples-to-apples comparison across rulemakings, DOE is issuing this NODA with energy savings from past rulemakings reported consistently in terms of site energy.

#### 3. How does an interested party comment on this notice and when are comments due?

The public has 14 days after the NODA is published in the Federal Register to submit comments. Comments should be submitted via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or sent to [Process.Rule@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Process.Rule@ee.doe.gov).

#### 4. I have questions about this NODA. Whom should I contact?

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