

Frequently Asked Questions

Request for Information Pertaining to Test Procedures for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves

1. What is the purpose of this notice?

This Request for Information (“RFI”) initiates the review process outlined by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and seeks input from the public to assist the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) with its determination about whether amended test procedures are warranted for commercial prerinse spray valves (“CPSVs”).

Information received in response to this request will help DOE determine whether amended test procedures would more accurately or fully comply with the requirements for the test procedures to not be unduly burdensome to conduct and be reasonably designed to produce test results that reflect water use, and estimated operating costs during a representative average use cycle or period of use.

This RFI is part of DOE’s ongoing commitment to consider feedback from all interested stakeholders and promote an open and transparent rulemaking process.

2. What type of information is the Department looking for?

In this RFI, DOE seeks comment on whether there have been changes in product testing methodology or new products on the market since the last test procedure update that may create the need to make amendments to the test procedure for CPSV. In addition, DOE requests comment related to the definition of CSPV, reaffirmation of the relevant industry standard, and the required water pressure for testing CPSVs.

3. What is a CPSV?

A “commercial prerinse spray valve” is defined as “a handheld device that has a release-to-close valve and is suitable for removing food residue from food service items before cleaning them in commercial dishwashing or ware washing equipment.”

4. How much water and energy do CPSVs consume?

DOE estimates the total installed stock will consume 38 billion gallons of water per year and approximately 0.03 quads of primary energy per year from the associated hot water use.

5. How many CPSVs are shipped annually in the United States?

DOE estimates approximately 230,000 CPSVs will be shipped in 2019 with a total installed stock of just over 1 million units.

6. Who are the parties that may be interested in this notice?

Interested parties include manufacturers of CPSVs, trade associations, distributors, energy and water utilities, state and local municipalities, international organizations, and consumer, energy, and environmental advocacy groups.

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

The comment period for this rule will be 30 days, beginning on the date in which this document publishes in the *Federal Register*. Interested parties may submit comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or via email to CPSV2019TP0025@ee.doe.gov, identified with docket number EERE-2019-BT-TP-0025. Comments may also be submitted via postal mail or hand delivery by following the instructions found in the document.