Appliance Efficiency Standards

NCLC promotes the adoption of strong appliance efficiency standards, which reduce overall energy use and help lower costs for consumers while protecting the environment.

Policy Analysis

Testimony, Comments & Press Releases

- Press release (NCLC and CFA): Trump Administration Levels Another Assault on Consumers’ Energy Bills, January 14, 2020
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- NCLC and CFA comments to the Department of Energy re: Petition of Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute, Jan. 14, 2019
- NCLC comments with the Department of Energy (DOE) in support of efficiency standards for central air conditioners (CAC) and heat pumps, April 25, 2017
- Joint Consumer Groups Comments on DOE Furnace Rulemaking, July 13, 2015
- Group comments to the U.S. Dept. of Energy re: support of strong energy efficiency standards for residential furnace fans (EERE-2010-BT-STD-0011) from the Appliance Standards Awareness Project (ASAP), Alliance to Save Energy (ASE), National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Jan. 23, 2014
- Comments regarding standards for General Service Fluorescent Lamps and Incandescent Reflector Lamps”, Nov. 28, 2011
- Additional Comments: Fluorescent Lamp Ballast NOPR, June 10, 2011
- Comments: Fluorescent Lamp Ballast NOPR, June 8, 2011
- NCLC Testimony to the House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on “Achieving — At Long Last — Appliance Efficiency Standards”, May 1, 2007
- Comments: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Boilers submitted to DOE, November 2004

Letters

- Consumer and Environmental Advocates Object to Congressional Efforts to Gut Appliance Efficiency Standards, Jan. 13, 2017
- Group letter to US Department and US Office of Management and Budget in support of quickly finalizing and publishing updated energy conservation standards for residential clothes washers and dishwashers. February 1, 2012
- Group letter to US Department of Energy and US Office of Management and Budget in support of quickly finalizing and publishing updated energy efficiency standards for battery chargers and external power supplies. February 13, 2012
• Letter: Endorsing S. 398 re: improved appliance efficiency standards, April 25, 2011

Impact Litigation

• NRDC v. DOE, Jan. 13, 2004: 2nd Circuit decision overturning DOE rollback of air conditioner efficiency standard
• NRDC v. DOE, NCLC Brief

NCLC in the News


Additional Resources

• Consumer Federation of America and Consumer Union Guide for New Light Bulb Choices, December 2011
• U.S. Sets First Regional Energy-Saving Standards for ACs and Furnaces, June 10, 2011
• NCLC’s Energy and Utility Publications and Resources