

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): U.S. Dept. of Energy Rollback of Light Bulb Standards will Cost Consumers Billions, September 5, 2019
- NCLC and CFA comments re: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps, May 3, 2019 and Press Release
- 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
- NCLC and group comments to US Department of Energy re: Energy Conservation Program: Enforcement of Regional Standards for Residential Furnaces and Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps, February 6, 2012
- 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, Jan. 12, 2007
- Comments: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Boilers submitted to DOE, November 2004
- Comments: Proposal to Implement the New Orleans Energy Efficiency Program on behalf of AARP Louisiana State Office, 2004, PDF (236KB)

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

- Op-ed: Appliance Standards: The Best Climate Change Policy You've Never Heard Of! by MA Rep. Josh Cutler and National Consumer Law Center attorney Charlie Harak, July 27, 2020

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
- Bright Idea: New Energy-Efficient Lighting Standards, June 2011
- NCLC's Energy and Utility Publications and Resources