

Highest Efficiency Equipment Standards – Point of Sale Policy Consultation

The British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation (the Ministry) is seeking feedback on proposed amendments to the Energy Efficiency Standards Regulation (EESR), under the *Energy Efficiency Act*, to support provincial efforts to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The proposed amendment, entitled the Highest Efficiency Equipment Standards (HEES), fulfils a commitment made in the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 to implement the highest efficiency equipment standards for space and water heating, effective in 2030 or earlier where feasible.

Once they come into effect on January 1st, 2030, the point of sale standards will require all new space and water heating equipment sold and installed in B.C. to be high-efficiency, low carbon equipment such as heat pumps, electric resistance and dual fuel systems which combine an electric heat pump with a conventional gas- or oil-fired appliance. The proposal covers the following heating equipment categories:

- Residential forced air systems (i.e. gas furnaces)
- Residential hydronic heating systems (i.e. gas boilers)
- Domestic water heaters (i.e. storage and instantaneous water heaters)
- Weatherized gas-fired packaged units (i.e. rooftop and makeup air units).

Further information can be found in the Regulatory Consultation document online at [Energy Efficiency Consultations](#).

Questions

Questions can be directed to: HEES@gov.bc.ca.