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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-TP-0024]

RIN: 1904-AC79

**Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for
Residential Furnaces and Boilers**

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) that proposes to revise its test procedure for residential furnaces and boilers established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. DOE published this NOPR so stakeholders can review the proposed revisions. After receiving a request for additional time to comment, DOE has decided to extend the comment period for the NOPR pertaining to the test procedure for residential furnaces and boilers until July 10, 2015.

DATES: The comment period on the NOPR pertaining to the proposed revisions to the test procedure for residential furnaces and boilers published in the Federal Register on March 11, 2015 (80 FR 12876) is extended, and comments must be postmarked by no later than July 10, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Instructions: Any comments submitted must identify the NOPR for Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers, and provide docket number EERE-2012-BT-TP-0024 and/or regulatory information number (RIN) number 1904–AC79. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
2. E-mail: ResFurnBoilers2013TP0008@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number and/or RIN in the subject line of the message. Submit electronic comments in Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or ASCII file format, and avoid the use of special characters or any form on encryption.
3. Postal Mail: Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.
4. Hand Delivery/Courier: Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 600, Washington,

DC, 20024. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Public Participation section of the March 11, 2015 NOPR.

Docket: The docket, which includes Federal Register notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at www.regulations.gov. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, some documents listed in the index may not be publically available, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure.

A link to the docket webpage can be found at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EERE-2012-BT-TP-0024>. This webpage contains a link to the docket for this notice on the www.regulations.gov site. The www.regulations.gov webpage contains simple instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket. See section V, “Public Participation,” of the NOPR for further information on how to submit comments through www.regulations.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 or by email: Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov.

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For information on how to submit or review public comments, contact Ms. Brenda Edwards at (202) 586-2945 or by email: Brenda.Edwards@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DOE published a NOPR in the Federal Register to make available and invite public comments on its proposed revisions to the test procedure for residential furnaces and boilers. 80 FR 12876 (Mar. 11, 2015). The document set a deadline for the submission of written comments by May 26, 2015. The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) requested an extension of the public comment period,

stating that additional time is necessary to conduct product testing and review supporting information in order to prepare and submit comments. DOE has determined that extending the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments is appropriate based on the foregoing reasons. DOE believes that extending the comment period by 45 days will provide the public with sufficient time to submit comments responding to DOE's proposed test procedure revisions. Accordingly, DOE will consider any comments postmarked by July 10, 2015, and deems any comments received by that date to be timely submitted.

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