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WX-2024-2

TO: Agency Directors, Weatherization Coordinators, and Fiscal Officers
FROM: Danielle Safford, Weatherization Program Coordinator
RE: USDOE State Plan updates
DATE: 6/28/2024

Greetings,

Based on input from DOE and stakeholders during the review process, additional changes were made to the final USDOE State Plan Appendix D Health & Safety. Memo WX-2024-2 is being re-released to reflect these. Changes made after the draft state plan was released are in *italics* to assist in identifying additional updates.

The Virtual Public Hearing for the U.S. DOE State Plan for 2024-25 will be held on:

**Thursday, April 18, 2024
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Information to access the virtual public hearing can be reached [here](#). A copy of the final United States Department of Energy Draft State Plan 2024–25 will be available to view on Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Web Site after March 21, 2024. Included below is a list of changes for this year’s plan. I hope this will help make the State Plan more manageable. In addition to the Public Hearing, written comments will be accepted until April 18, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. and E-mail responses are acceptable.

Changes to State Plan:

- Updated grant period
- Updated program contacts to include new compliance.
- Updated Effective dates, published date, and footer dates.
- Updated average cost per unit threshold to \$8497.
- Updated Agency contact information/please review.
- Updated Housing Stability Council Members
- Public Hearing needs scheduled/information updated. ///April 18th 10-11am
- 1.03 Estimated Production Schedule needs to be updated //CR-Same as last year.



- 2.01.4 Equity and the Justice 40 Initiative-Last sentence reworked for clarity-
- 2.03 Weatherization Work-Updated 'client' to 'residence' *change accepted.*
- 2.04.2 Removed Coordinator Override-remnant from ARRA.
- 2.05 A DOE weatherized unit updated to current.
- 2.05 Added to the last sentence of first paragraph:

If a designated measure is not installed, then a written explanation shall be included in the file and noted on the inspection form or on a properly executed change order that lists why the measure was left off.

2.07 Health and Safety Plan

Health & Safety percentage changes with new ACPU, discuss increasing H&S cap. Currently @1250/electrical, 1250/plumbing.

Suggested H&S Electrical be raised to 2500. *change accepted.*

Suggested H&S Plumbing be raised to 1500. *change accepted.*

15% cap per Subgrantee allocation remains.

2.08 Health and Safety-Incidental Repairs-font repaired.

2.18.1 Eligibility-font

2.19.2 Davis-Bacon Act-Compliance//Remove Exception

Included pertinence with BIL funding-unsure if it's necessary at all -included in BIL State Plan- removed

2.18.6 National Environmental Policy Act Information (NEPA) Can full list of measures be removed here, and a link provided? *Change accepted.*

V. 2 pg.74 For homes with Category 1 combustion appliances, depressurization and spillage tests must be done before leaving the home on any day when work has been done that could affect draft (i.e., – air sealing or duct sealing or adding exhaust ventilation. As a reminder, the American Gas Association (AGA) classifies a category 1 appliance as non-condensing, negative-pressure venting with an estimated efficiency of 83% or less and typically utilizes standard b-vent or masonry venting.

CO Alarms: In all home where these devices are nonexistent or inoperable, weatherization agencies must install CO alarms within 15 feet of the sleeping rooms. (OAR 837-047-0130)

2.20.2 Inventory control/Moved last two sentences to start the paragraph.

2.20.6 Use of Weatherization Funds for Renewable Energy Systems-updated adjusted average to \$4,169.

2.21.4 Gas Cookstoves-included WRF flexibility.

2.22 Quality Control-Removed as it is addressed in another location.

Exhibit 2 Mold & Mildew Protocol-Needs re-work, removed steps that MAY be taken for clean-up less than 10sq.ft.

Removed: Confirmation of Receipt of Mold and Moisture Pamphlet (Required if any inspection items are marked "yes") on Sample Dwelling Inspection. Confirmation is required either way.

Pg. 115 XII. COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases: *Workgroup agreed to leave as a placeholder in the event this section may be needed again leaving a few generalized sentences.*

If you have any questions, please contact me at:

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