

Frequently Asked Questions

Notice of Proposed Determination Pertaining to Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products

1. What is the purpose of this notice?

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (“EPCA”) requires the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) to periodically review the energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products and publish either a notice of determination that standards for the product do not need to be amended, or a notice of proposed rulemaking including new proposed energy conservation standards. In this Notice of Proposed Determination (“NOPD”), DOE has initially determined that energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products do not need to be amended. In this NOPD, DOE also announces a webinar and public comment period to receive comment on the proposed determination and associated analyses and results.

This NOPD is part of DOE’s ongoing commitment to consider feedback from all interested stakeholders and promote an open and transparent rulemaking process.

2. What type of information is the Department looking for?

In this notification of proposed determination (“NOPD”), DOE has initially determined that amended energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products would not be economically justified and would not result in a significant conservation of energy. DOE requests comment on this proposed determination and the associated analyses and results.

3. What is Consumer Conventional Cooking Products?

A “cooking product” is designed to cook or heat different types of food by one or more of the following sources of heat: gas, electricity, or microwave energy. Each product may consist of a horizontal cooking top containing one or more surface units and/or one or more heating compartments. (10 CFR 430.2) Consumer conventional cooking products do not include microwave ovens.

4. How much energy do Consumer Conventional Cooking Products consume?

Kitchen ranges and ovens typically consume about 288 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year in the residential sector. In aggregate, these products currently consume approximately 0.17 quads/year of site energy (0.35 quads/year of full-fuel-cycle energy) in the United States and account for about 1.3 percent of buildings’ energy use.

5. How many consumer conventional cooking products are shipped annually in the United States?

DOE estimates that there were about 10 million kitchen ranges and ovens shipped in 2018.

6. Who are the parties that may be interested in this notice?

Interested parties include manufacturers, trade associations, distributors, energy utilities, state agencies, international organizations, and consumer, energy, and environmental advocacy groups.

7. How does an interested party comment on this notice and when are comments due?

The comment period for this rule will be 75 days, beginning on the date in which this document publishes in the *Federal Register*. Interested parties may submit comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or via email to ConventionalCookingProducts2014STD0005@ee.doe.gov, identified with docket number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0005. Comments may also be submitted via postal mail or hand delivery by following the instructions found in the document.