

REGULATORY COOPERATION COUNCIL – JUNE 2016 WORK PLAN

Department/Agency	 United States	 Canada
	U.S. Department of Energy	Natural Resources Canada

Regulatory area to be addressed	Energy Efficiency Standards
	<p>In August 2014, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) established the goal of aligning new and updated energy efficiency standards and test methods for energy-using equipment.</p> <p>In March 2016, U.S. President and Canadian Prime Minister pledged to better align and further improve appliance and equipment efficiency standards by 2020. December 2017 to provide updates on progress in implementation of the activities described in this Work Plan Update.</p>

Planned initiatives and sub-deliverables		Date	
1 – Addressing Existing Misalignment			
Amendments will be made to Canadian and U.S. regulations to better align and further improve energy efficiency standards.			
1.1	<p>Technical Exchanges U.S. DOE and NRCan will conduct monthly teleconferences to exchange information regarding the status of their respective regulatory activities and any issues encountered. Outcomes of these exchanges will inform regulatory development activities to achieve better alignment.</p>	Monthly	
1.2	<p>Canadian Regulatory Development NRCan will continue regulatory work to introduce and update energy efficiency standards and test procedures through the implementation of its Forward Regulatory Plan, which can be found here. Amendments will be finalized for 20 product categories and proposed for an additional 15 during this year.</p>	2016-2017	
1.3	<p>U.S. Regulatory Development The U.S. DOE will continue regulatory work on energy conservation standards and test procedures across a number of product categories. The status of active rulemakings can be found here.</p>		
1.4	<p>Tracking and Reporting on Regulatory Alignment A document will be developed and updated on an annual basis to communicate to stakeholders the state of Canada-U.S. regulatory alignment for energy efficiency standards.</p>		
	1.4.1	Draft report on state of alignment circulated for stakeholder comment	Summer 2016
	1.4.2	Stakeholder comments incorporated	Fall 2016
	1.4.3	First annual report on state of alignment published on NRCan and DOE websites	Winter 2017

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<p>2 - Addressing Regulatory and Legislative Barriers to Alignment</p> <p>Stakeholders have identified aspects of NRCan’s regulatory development processes and methods that could serve as a barrier to achieving and maintaining regulatory alignment with the U.S. NRCan will explore these issues and assess options to address them.</p>		
2.1	NRCan completes internal analysis of potential changes to its authorities to more systematically align with the U.S.	Summer 2016
<p>3 - Sharing Best Practices</p> <p>Bilateral workshops will be held to share information on each country’s respective approaches to key elements of their regulatory systems, which can inform strategies for better coordination.</p>		
3.1	<p>Workshop 1: Cost-Benefit Analysis <i>Objective: Compare methodologies for quantifying costs and benefits associated with regulatory proposals and adopt best practices as appropriate.</i></p>	Fall 2016
3.2	<p>Workshop 2: Compliance and Enforcement <i>Objective: Compare approaches to assessing and monitoring compliance with regulated requirements and identify mechanisms for increased information sharing.</i></p>	Fall 2016
3.3	<p>Workshop 3: Laboratory Testing <i>Objective: Discuss the role of product testing in the development of product test procedures and identify mechanisms for increased information sharing.</i></p>	Winter 2017
<p>4 - Enhancing Regulatory Process Engagement</p> <p>Regulators from each country will participate in regulatory processes of the other, as necessary, to increase awareness of product-specific regulatory activities occurring in both countries.</p>		
4.1	U.S. DOE participates in NRCan webinars for Amendment 14	Spring 2016
4.2	NRCan participates in U.S. DOE public meetings and negotiated rulemaking activities	On-going
<p>5 - Coordinating Work on Emerging Technologies</p> <p>As a precursor to future energy efficiency standards, both countries see the development and commercialization of emerging clean technology as an important component of broad strategies to support achievement of long-term domestic policy objectives (i.e. climate change, energy intensity, energy productivity). Coordinating this work will reduce duplication of efforts and inform complementary approaches.</p>		
5.1	NRCan assesses U.S. 2020 cost and efficiency targets for 5 emerging space and water technologies ¹ in the Canadian context.	Winter 2017
5.2	NRCan assesses the U.S. DOE’s Emerging Technology Program ² and its underlying strategies to identify best practices (e.g., prioritization, goal-setting) that could be applied in Canada.	2017

¹ U.S. DOE (2016), Building Technologies Office, Multi-Year Program Plan, Fiscal Years 2016-2020, 66-67

² Ibid, 29-112