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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Ch. I

#### Issuance of Report on the NRC Regulatory Agenda

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Issuance of NRC Regulatory Agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued the *NRC Regulatory Agenda* for the period covering January through June of 1997. This agenda provides the public with information about NRC's rulemaking activities. The *NRC Regulatory Agenda* is a compilation of all rules on which the NRC has recently completed action, or has proposed action, or is considering action, and of all petitions for rulemaking that the NRC has received that are pending disposition. Issuance of this publication is consistent with Section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this report, designated *NRC Regulatory Agenda* (NUREG-0936), Vol. 16, No. 1, is available for inspection, and copying for a fee, at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC. In addition, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) sells the *NRC Regulatory Agenda*. To purchase it, a customer may call (202) 512-1800 or write to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Post Office Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone: (301) 415-7162, toll-free number (800) 368-5642.

Dated at Rockville, MD., this 20th day of August 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### 10 CFR Part 430

[Docket No. CAS-RM-79-102]

#### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Notice of Public Workshop on Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners, Including Heat Pumps

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (Department or DOE) today gives notice that it will convene a public workshop to discuss issues and gather information related to test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps.

**DATES:** The public workshop will be held on Thursday, September 25, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-245, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Copies of the transcript of the public workshop, public comments received, and this notice may be read at the Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. DOE, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you are planning to attend this workshop and would like to receive material prepared for the workshop, please contact Ms. Sandy Beall, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-43, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-7574; Telefax: (202) 586-4617.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background

To develop a proposed rule revising the test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps, the Department is convening a workshop to receive and discuss public comments on a number of technical issues. This is a proposed agenda for the workshop:

##### 2. Preliminary Agenda

9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Should the DOE test procedure be expanded to cover any of the following equipment categories?

- Triple capacity heat pumps
- Multiple-split heat pumps
- Two-capacity heat pumps with variable-speed indoor fans that are modulated to best match the building load
- Single-speed heat pumps with variable-speed indoor fans that are modulated to best match the building load
- No-defrost heat pumps
- Heat pumps that incorporate a heat comfort controller
- Two-capacity heat pumps for an application where the unit is sized to meet the space cooling load at 95° F while operating at low capacity
- Multi-capacity units having a "turbo" cooling mode
- Others?

Break

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Test method for units having a variable-speed constant CFM blower

- with indoor fan operating versus not operating
- tolerances on air volume rate if tested with the indoor fan operating

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Capacity adjustments