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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 10 CFR Part 429

[Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-NOC-0039]

#### Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Cancellation of Open Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of open meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the cancellation of open meetings for the Commercial and Industrial Pumps Working Group of the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) scheduled for July 23 through July 25, 2014.

**DATES:** The open meetings scheduled for July 23, July 24, and July 25, 2014 are cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Cymbalsky, ASRAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC, 20024, (202) 287-1692. Email: [asrac@ee.doe.gov](mailto:asrac@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE published a notice of open meetings for the Commercial and Industrial Pumps Working Group of the ASRAC to be held in June and July of 2014 (79 FR 2383, Jan. 14, 2014) and a second notice adding an extra day to both series of meetings (79 FR 29692, May 23, 2014). Since that time, the working group has concluded its activities and determined the second series of meetings, scheduled for July 23 through July 25, is no longer necessary. Through this notice, DOE announces cancellation of those meetings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### 5 CFR Chapter XXII

#### 10 CFR Chapters II, III, and X

#### Reducing Regulatory Burden

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its implementation of Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review," issued by the President on January 18, 2011, the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist DOE in reviewing its existing regulations to determine whether any such regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed. The purpose of DOE's review is to make the agency's regulatory program more effective and less burdensome in achieving its regulatory objectives. In this request for information (RFI), DOE also highlights its regulatory review and reform efforts conducted to date in light of comments from interested parties.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested on or before July 18, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments, identified by "Regulatory Burden RFI," by any of the following methods:

*White House Web site:* <http://www.whitehouse.gov/advise>.

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Email:* [Regulatory.Review@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Regulatory.Review@hq.doe.gov). Include "Regulatory Burden RFI" in the subject line of the message.

*Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6A245, Washington, DC 20585.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents, or

comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

That Department's plan for retrospective review of its regulations and its subsequent update reports can be accessed at <http://energy.gov/gc/services/open-government/restrospective-regulatory-review>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 18, 2011, the President issued Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review," to ensure that Federal regulations seek more affordable, less intrusive means to achieve policy goals, and that agencies give careful consideration to the benefits and costs of those regulations. To that end, the Executive Order requires, among other things, that:

- Agencies propose or adopt a regulation only upon a reasoned determination that its benefits justify its costs; and that agencies tailor regulations to impose the least burden on society, consistent with obtaining the regulatory objectives, taking into account, among other things, and to the extent practicable, the costs of cumulative regulations; and that, consistent with applicable law, agencies select, in choosing among alternative regulatory approaches, those approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity).

- The regulatory process encourages public participation and an open exchange of views, with an opportunity for the public to comment.

- Agencies coordinate, simplify, and harmonize regulations to reduce costs and promote certainty for businesses and the public.

- Agencies consider low-cost approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility.

- Regulations be guided by objective scientific evidence.

Additionally, the Executive Order directs agencies to consider how best to promote retrospective analyses of existing rules. Specifically, agencies were required to develop a plan under