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ENERGY STAR® Hits Reset on Updated Performance Metrics



Following objections from real estate interests, the EPA's Energy Star program has put a plan to update its performance metrics on hold.

According to a report in the <u>Wall Street Journal</u> (paywall), "the EPA had planned to start certifying buildings with top ratings under the new system soon, but the agency agreed to postpone implementation after listening to landlords who felt the new methodology was confusing and it unfairly downgraded some buildings. Energy Star ratings can impact occupancy levels and the rents building owners can charge, both of which are big components in determining property values."

For its part, Energy Star's message remains essentially the same as before the reset was announced, noting on its website that it "will work in conjunction with stakeholders and technical experts to conduct this analysis and adjust the scoring models, if needed. This

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will include further evaluation of score changes for U.S. buildings of different sizes, locations, and fuel mixes, as well as additional types of analysis that are possible now that stakeholders are able to update their data and calculate their revised scores in the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager software tool.

"The Agency is mindful of the many building benchmarking reporting requirements starting in the spring and plans to complete this analysis and finalize all scores in advance of that time, so as not to disrupt these cycles. In addition, we will coordinate with program implementers and policymakers that leverage the ENERGY STAR score on the appropriate use of the new metrics during the review period."

For the latest news on these important developments, visit the ENERGY STAR website.

EMA MEMBER NEWS

EMA, Energy Manager Today form Partnership to Boost Education, Training



EMA will now reach an additional 100,000 monthly visitors and 20,000 newsletter subscribers through a partnership it has formed with Energy Manager Today. "This is just a natural 'win-win' for EMT," said

Tim Hermes VP & Group Publisher of Business Sector Media, parent of *Energy Manager Today*. "This is a strong, visionary association whose goals align perfectly with our mission." (Read Article)

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ACG Members Dominate Cx Giants 2018 List



Over 90% of the firms named to Consulting Specifying Engineers'

Commissioning Giants are members of ACG (many of which are also dual members of EMA). Along with the list, the publication released a variety of interesting data including: "Average percentage of commissioning revenue earned by the 2018 Commissioning Giants was approximately 26%, showing that these top 25 firms earn a great deal of their revenue from commissioning, some earning as much as 100% of their revenue solely from commissioning. For the 2018 report, the top 25 companies made \$241.6 million in revenue. The majority (56%) of firms are consulting-engineering firms with a commissioning division." <a href="https://example.com/research/resea



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NFPA launches web-based CodeFinder tool with mapping software to show the codes and reference standards in use.

New interactive online tool identifies the NFPA codes and standards that are in effect in U.S. municipalities. CodeFinder utilizes color-coded mapping, a convenient hovering feature, and filtering by jurisdiction. Users can also search by topic or by the most frequently used NFPA codes and standards. Website

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Perry's coal
"rescue" plan hits
snag amid
opposition from
the president's
own advisers

Perry has spent more than a year pushing various plans that would invoke national security to force power companies to keep their economically struggling coal plants running — a

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goal in line with Trump's frequent pledges to revive what he calls "beautiful, clean coal." Perry's proposals — which would also keep aging nuclear power plants operating — have riled up the oil and gas industry, consumer groups, environmental organizations, and conservative policy organizations. Via Politico



Could Energy Efficiency Be The "Cornerstone" For A Sustainable Energy System?

The International Energy Agency has claimed that a string of the right energy efficiency policies implemented around the globe could, on its own, result in the peaking of greenhouse gas emissions followed quickly by a global decline even as the global economy doubles. IEA gains in energy efficiency would allow the world's economies to extract twice as much economic value from the energy it produces and uses than it does today. Specifically, the IEA claims that such a move would reduce energy bills for consumers by more than \$500 billion per year, decrease energy imports, and reduce air pollution in cities. Article

commissioning ranging from design review and OPRs to functional testing and commissioning documentation, and including discussion of both new and existing building commissioning. Approved by the AIA for 5 LU/HSW. Register here.



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