

Changes in SB1149 Schools Program

Revision to SB 1149 Guidelines November 2005

Background

The updated Guidelines for the SB 1149 schools program are complete. The Technical Committee met twice in June (2005) to review the guidelines and make recommendations for changes. These recommendations were sent to the Policy Committee for approval and/or modification. The Policy Committee approved the Technical Committee's recommendations November 3, 2005. A list of Committee members can be found in the guidelines document (<http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/CONS/SB1149/Schools/docs/Schools1149.PDF>).

Revisions

- Requires school districts to submit implementation plans and to receive authorization from the Oregon Department of Energy before implementing these plans. Education service districts (ESDs) are to withhold reimbursement for SB 1149 projects until this requirement is met.
- Changes the simple payback period requirements as follows:
 1. Energy Efficiency Measures (EEMs) that are required to be implemented (considered cost-effective under the law) must have a payback of 15 years or less.
 2. Energy Efficiency Measures (EEMs) that are can be implemented (after the required EEMs have been implemented) must have a payback of 50 years or less.
 3. EEMs over 50 years require prior approval from the Oregon Department of Energy before they can be implemented.
- Expands and clarifies the required documentation needed by the school district in order to receive reimbursement from the ESD.
- Requires that the energy use data for each school in the school district must be entered into the Schools Interactive Database (SID). Education service districts are to withhold reimbursement for SB 1149 projects until this requirement is met. In addition, the EUI data (covering an academic year) must be entered by January of each year.
- Clarifies that school districts using financial incentives received from sources other than SB 1149 Public Purpose Funds (e.g., incentives from the Energy Trust of Oregon) must notify the Oregon Department of Energy before implementing the EEM(s).

- Establishes SID, via the Oregon Department of Energy, as the official method of record keeping for the school's SB1149 program.
- Establishes quarterly meetings for the Technical Committee and as-needed meetings for the Policy Committee.

To see the details of the changes, the updated guidelines can be reviewed at:
<http://oregon.gov/ENERGY/CONS/SB1149/Schools/docs/Schools1149.PDF>

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