

Home Energy Performance Score System Stakeholder Panel

Meeting Wrap-Up

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Oregon Department of Energy

Portland, Oregon

1. Welcome and introductions

2. ODOE staff update – Revised Training Certification Form

The panel reviewed the draft training certification form, with adjustments made to align Oregon's training offering to match with USDOE. Having a consistent list of training entities was seen as an improvement to reduce applicant confusion, while ensuring adequate training is expected.

3. ODOE staff update – Approval letter for City of Portland score label

The panel viewed an approval letter, provided by ODOE director Mike Kaplan. The City was provided the letter electronically.

4. Discussion – Impact of blower door test on scores

The panel discussed the impact of blower door testing on USDOE Home Energy Scores. A small sample, (4) test homes were reviewed showing related outcomes when homes were untested/not sealed, untested/sealed, tested/sealed to 0.7 natural and tested/sealed to 0.35 natural. The panel supported blower door testing as an option within each assessment and encouraged assessors to provide testing as part of their professional services.

5. ODOE staff update – Greenhouse gas content of site energy use

The panel viewed letters submitted to utility contacts requesting their assistance to work together to develop average energy prices and greenhouse gas emissions. ODOE staff explained how the most recent metrics were developed and the need to update yearly. The panel addressed a proposed concept of aggregating all utility fuel emission data and creating an average that would be reported. It was clarified that HB 2801 rules require each utility to report individually, based on home location. ODOE has responsibility in rule to provide these metrics to score systems and will meet with utility contacts, as needed, for updating.

Action items:

- ODOE will refine the Assessor Training Certificate and post on the ODOE Home Energy Score website.
- ODOE will continue to seek input from utilities to determine average pricing and greenhouse gas metrics.