

Uniform Methods Project

Project Updates

Protocol Review Conference Call

We are making good progress on the protocols. We are to begin the formal approval process and we are proposing the following approach:

Proposed Protocol Approval Process

Step 1: Hold conference call with steering committee. Technical experts will be on the call to provide an overview of the protocol and to answer questions.

Step 2: The steering committee is asked to review the draft protocol and provide comments within one week. This time frame will help us stay on schedule to have protocols ready for distribution this summer.

Step 3: Technical experts respond to steering committee comments. Responses are posted to the website.

Step 4: The steering committee has an additional week to review the revised protocol. Unless there is an objection, the protocol shall be considered adopted by the steering committee. If a steering committee member has a significant concern, he or she may request a hold on a protocol. Steering committee members requesting a hold should provide to NREL, in writing, the reason for the hold, along with the request for the hold.

Conference Call: April 5, 2012

We will focus on the following protocols:

- Residential Lighting
- Commercial Unitary HVAC

You can find the protocols, and responses to comments from the steering committee on the [Uniform Methods Project website](#).

Below are important dates for the steering committee to keep in mind for these 2 protocols. (Note: The residential lighting protocol is on a compressed timeline — a draft approved by the Technical Advisory Group has been available since January 31, 2012.)

- **Residential Lighting**
 - April 5: Final steering committee comments due
 - Please be prepared to provide final comments on the April 5th call
 - April 11: Last day for the steering committee to request a hold of a protocol.
- **Commercial Unitary HVAC**
 - April 12: Final steering committee comments due
 - April 19: Technical expert comment response due
 - April 25: Last day for the steering committee to request a hold of a protocol.

We are looking forward to a productive meeting on April 5th.

Phase 2 Measures

We would like to thank you all for voting on the Phase 2 measures. Ten measures have been selected, and they can be found on the [Uniform Methods Project website](#).

We have identified several experts to write the protocols for these measures, however, we are looking for a few more. If you have recommendations for technical experts in savings determination for the technologies below, please email chuck.kurnik@nrel.gov.

- Commercial Air Compressors

- Residential and Commercial High Efficiency Water Heaters
- Data Center Efficiency

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