

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Energy and Environment



BEPS Task Force Meeting Notes

June 9, 2020, 2:30-4:30 PM

1200 First St NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002

Task Force Member Attendees: Katie Bergfeld, Patti Boyd, Jen Croft, Marshall Duer-Balkind, Dave Good, Max Greninger, Reshma Holla, Jessica Jones, Anica Landreneau, Cliff Majersik, Todd Nedwick, Matt Praske, Joe Reilly, Jay Wilson

Public Attendees: Andrew Held, Sharon Jaye, Molly Hofsommer, Kate Johnson, Adefunke Sonaiké, Kristian Hoffland, Kevin Carey, Sean Fish, Meghan McAvoy, Emily Low, Scott Emery, Myles Rogers, Mark Bryan, Nicole Rentz, Luis Merchan, Joanna Saunders, Excetral Caldwell, Ilana Bowen, Michael Brown

Agenda:

1. Administrative Items
 - a. Opened Meeting at 2:30pm
 - b. Attendance taken by roll call (see above) and quorum acknowledged
 - c. Role of Task Force, future agenda topics, current agenda reviewed
2. COVID-related adjustments
 - a. Proposed Adjustments
 - i. A one-year delay of the compliance deadline, from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027 in draft regulations.
 - ii. Proposed regulations will be postponed until at least the end of the summer and will have a public comment period of 60 days, rather than 30 days, to allow building owners more time to submit comments.
 - iii. DOEE, in partnership with the SEU, will provide free energy data verification per the requirements in the law.
 - iv. Calendar year 2020 data will not be factored into the setting of the BEPS standard or in establishing the performance pathway.
 - b. Feedback from Task Force/Attendees (numbers below in feedback section correspond with number above in proposed adjustment section)
 - i. General consensus is that the attendees like the delay of the compliance deadline one year instead of delaying the start of the program. Building owners would rather get the rules sooner than later so they can start planning now.
 - ii. With the delay, there may be issues with timing to get the rules finalized after the extended comment period but before the end of the calendar year. Building owners, such as hotels are overwhelmed right now and may need the 60 days to participate in BEPS rules process. General consensus is to get the rules out for public comment sooner, but allow for the 60-day comment period.

- iii. Co-education important for data verification so that future data is correct.
 - iv. Attendees agreed 2020 data will be wonky and like this adjustment.
 - c. Clarifications by DOEE
 - i. Data verification is not necessary for this cycle unless identified by DOEE as possibly wrong
 - ii. Depending on available resources and timing, DCSEU/DOEE can provide verification for buildings that want it
 - iii. Based on the proposed draft rules, building owners will be able to request either 2018-19 or 2019-20 for baseline
- 3. Solar Considerations
 - a. DOEE suggests a subcommittee for this conversation. Topic can be addressed in a guidance document, so most likely will not affect rules timeline
 - b. If more than a quorum of TF members are interested, the topic may be moved to the regular TF meeting instead of a subcommittee.
 - c. Interested parties email Sharon Jaye or Andrew Held. Expressed interest at meeting: Anica Landreneau, Dave Good, Cliff Majersik, Marshall Duer-Balkind, Patti Boyd (or DCSEU rep), Todd Nedwick, Jessica Jones, Kristian Hoffland, Jen Croft (or DGS rep), Kevin Carey, Megan McAvoy, Luis Merchan, Matt Praske, Adefunke Sonaike, Reshma Holla (or DHCD rep)
- 4. Campus update
 - a. Many meetings and working group sessions have happened over the last 12 months between the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area and the DOEE and within the Consortium. Now moving the topic to a BEPS Task Force subcommittee.
 - b. Interested parties can email Sharon Jaye or Andrew Held. Expressed interest at the meeting: Dave Good, Jeffrey Salay, Cliff Majersik, Patti Boyd (or DCSEU rep), Marshall Duer-Balkind
- 5. GBAC update
 - a. New codes published May 29th which are now in effect
 - b. Interest on how it overlaps with BEPS
 - i. Quick analysis using portfolio manager shows that some buildings that meet the new energy code will get buildings above district median. Dependent on building type if meeting base construction code will automatically make the building compliant with BEPS.
 - ii. Important to note that new code predates BEPS and buildings should not assume highest level performance by meeting minimum code requirements
 - iii. Difference between built to high performance and operating at high performance
 - iv. Voluntary Appendix Z has net zero building guidance which will likely make building better than median. That will be an important part of DOEE/DCRA education and outreach.
 - c. Links referenced in discussion

- i. [PNNL Energy Savings Analysis of Proposed Code Study](#) (2017)
 - ii. [C40 LBNL BEPS Technical Analysis](#) (2019)
 - iii. [Energy Star Target Finder](#)
- 6. Next Meeting – June 23
 - a. DOEE follow-up on May 12 meeting with feedback on certain draft rule items
- 7. Announcements
 - a. No announcements