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CIPH Works Cooperatively with Province of BC to Influence Positive Change to Proposed Efficiency Regulations for Residential Water Heaters

CIPH along with its water heater manufacturer members worked cooperatively with BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum to find a practical and workable solution to meet the province's objective of raising the minimum efficiency requirement for residential water heaters.

Working under a very aggressive 2-month consultation timeline set by the province, CIPH and the BC government developed a win/win efficiency regulation for gas and electric water heaters. A copy of the draft regulation is attached.

"I am proud to be a member of CIPH and, in particular, confident in calling on our industry association to work proactively upon my behalf and the industry. The agreed-upon process and timelines allow manufacturers to design, prototype and test their products before introducing them to market. Educating retailers, wholesaler distributors, utilities, builders and contractors to understand the full impact of the proposed legislation and how best to change their business models will also be a key component," reports Claude Lesage, President Usines Giant Factories Inc.

Ultimately it is the province's vision to implement a .80EF requirement for gas water heaters. The province is prepared to explore with CIPH and industry how to develop this together.

For more information on the draft regulation contact Katherine Muncaster, Government of British Columbia, Ministry of Mines and Petroleum Resources/EEPB, Senior Policy Analyst, EEPB at email: Katherine.Muncaster@gov.bc.ca

In the meantime, CIPH will be meeting shortly with NRC senior staff to develop a national solution for a minimum energy efficiency requirement for Residential Water Heaters.

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