



April 17, 2024

1-4 UNIT WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to Part 440 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is in the process of updating the state's Program Year 2024 Plan for administering a 1-4 unit Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for Low-Income Persons (proposed WAP State Plan) and is holding two public Hearings. The second draft of the proposed WAP State Plan can be found at: www.ct.gov/deep/weatherization. The Public Hearings on this Plan will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.

VERBAL COMMENTS

By way of this Notice, DEEP is providing an opportunity for interested persons to provide verbal comments on the second draft of the proposed WAP State Plan. Verbal comments may be provided on Monday, April 29th, 2024, at Public Hearings on the WAP State Plan.

- Hearing 1 Date & Time: Monday, April 29, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ET.
- Hearing 1 Location: Hearing Room 2 (first floor), 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051 (parking validation in the adjacent parking garage will be provided). Or to attend virtually use the following Team's link and/or call-in number:

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- Hearing 2 Date & Time: Monday, April 29, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.
- Hearing 2 Location: Hearing Room 2 (first floor), 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051 (parking validation in the adjacent parking garage will be provided). Or to attend virtually use the following Team's link and/or call-in number:

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WRITTEN COMMENTS

By way of this Notice, DEEP is also providing an opportunity for interested persons to submit written comments on the second draft of the proposed WAP State Plan. Written comments may be filed on or before **April 29th, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. ET.** Written



comments must be e-mailed to deep.energybureau@ct.gov or sent via US Mail to DEEP's Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. All comments and materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to the DEEP Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy at DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact Brian Biernat at DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program, or event.

All Comments on the second draft CT WAP State Plan are encouraged. DEEP also Specifically invites responses to the following questions:

- 1) How long (how many years) should the Weatherization Assistance Program's rent protections be required? (Current Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program rent protections are as follows: "Landlords shall affirm by signed Weatherization Agreement that they shall not increase the rent paid by eligible tenants of a rental unit that has received weatherization services for a period of two years from the date the weatherization work is completed unless the landlord/property owner can document that the increase is due to factors other than the weatherization assistance performed. In compliance with 10 C.F.R. §§ 440.22(b)(3) and 440.22(e), tenants sign and receive a copy of the agreement, and therefore are aware of the conditions placed on the landlord. Landlords will also agree to charge the same rent to all successor tenants up to the two--year period covered by the Weatherization Agreement.").
- 2) Should fuel switching be permitted as part of the services provided by the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program? If yes, why and how could DEEP mitigate potential negative impacts on energy assistance received by the income-eligible household?
- 3) Should the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program fund the installation of Heat Pumps and Heat Pump Water Heaters when the savings-to-investment ratio is greater than 1.0? Why?

Notice filed with the Secretary of State on April 17, 2024.