



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE:

**MAY 15, 2020** – That is the date that manufacturers, distributors, and retail stores cannot sell any NSPS Phase I units. Manufacturers and distributors cannot ship any of these units after that date, and a retail store cannot sell any of those units after that date. For a retail store, if you have sold one of these units and it is not installed, it can be installed after that date, but the unit must be marked with the future owner's information on the box and you must have paperwork to show and that unit cannot be on your showroom floor and must be in a carton in the warehouse. A retail store can sell a previously owned unit, but they will have to provide paperwork showing history of prior ownership. They cannot sell a demo off their floor after that date, and it cannot be sold as used. If you have more questions, you can go to <https://www.hpba.org/Advocacy/EPAs-NSPS/HPBA-Retailer-NSPS-Toolkit>.

EPA has updated their website that shows which units are certified either for 2015 or 2020 and tells which type of fuel was used in their testing. Go to:

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/oarweb/woodstove/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.about>

EPA is working with the states on who and when to do inspections of the new NSPS when it takes affect on May 15, 2020.

**Colorado News:** Boulder is enacting a rule in their building code in October, that any resident built that is 3000 sq. ft. or larger must be a net zero home. All electricity used must be produced by the home. Other issues that the state is planning on reducing it greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by the year 2050. This could have a great impact on sales of gas appliances in the future. A lot of the cities and counties in Colorado have adopted or planning on adopting the 2018 IRC codes. As usual, some jurisdictions will modify those codes a little bit, mostly do with their fees, but you should check what your local jurisdiction is doing. Some of the cities, counties that are doing this: Estes Park, Parker, Mesa County, Castle Rock, Golden, Wellington, Windsor, Platteville, Craig, Commerce City, Summit County, Cripple Creek, Silverthorne, Blue River, Jefferson County, Columbine Valley, and Evans. This is not all of them. Cities or Counties adopting the 2015 IRC codes are Lamar County, El Paso County, and Morrison. Denver is staying with the 2015 codes. It is always best to verify what your local jurisdiction has done or is planning on doing.

**Utah News:** In the Salt Lake area, there is a pilot program with a certain area that is trying to do net zero or zero net where the houses must produce their own electricity or buy it from a wind or solar farm. One city that I am aware of has adopted or will adopt the 2018 IRC codes and that is West Valley City.

Nothing new that I am aware of in New Mexico or Wyoming.

Be aware if you see wording in any city or county that mentions **Climate Emergencies or Greenhouse Gas Budgets**. These issues could affect us in the future, so please let us know and keep following your local issues that come up.

**National Stove Change Out Program:** There has been a bill introduced in the Senate that would provide 75 million dollars each year to provide stove change outs in the United States to get replace old units with newer EPA certified units. Here is a link to see what the bill says:

[https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/\\_cache/files/2/d/2d8f4d19-cfe7-46ab-8c49-cc6a6f02b787/047B41C4876AC32F58556286BDC1DF7D.maz19728.pdf](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/2/d/2d8f4d19-cfe7-46ab-8c49-cc6a6f02b787/047B41C4876AC32F58556286BDC1DF7D.maz19728.pdf)

ask for your help later if this bill goes forward.

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**Government Affairs Academy:** There will be another HPBA Tom Pugh Government Affairs Academy next year in Washington, DC including a trip to capital hill. It is a great experience that will help you in future relations with government connections, both local and national. We will be sending two people to attend this academy. The academy will in mid-July. Please let me know if you are interested. The RMHPBA board will make the final decision.

Please let me know if you have any issues with any local government rule that could affect your business. RMHPBA and HPBA are here to help, but we need your help to watch what is going on in your area.

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