

PFI Announces Webinar on Standards Program; Somerset Pellet Fuel Newest Company to Qualify for PFI Standards Program

The Pellet Fuels Institute is pleased to announce a [webinar on the PFI Standards Program](#) taking place on **Wednesday, February 17, at 1pm EST/10am PST**.

The EPA's New Source Performance Standards, finalized last year, requires stove manufacturers to test and certify stoves using fuel from one of three graded fuel programs, including the PFI Standards Program. Newly certified or recertified stoves are required to include language in their user manuals that the warranty will not be valid unless the customer uses graded fuel.

Webinar participants will learn more about the EPA's requirements and the potential impacts for their businesses.

- **Appliance manufacturers** will learn about the EPA's new requirements and how to comply with them.
- **Pellet fuel and appliance retailers** will learn how to identify the PFI Quality Mark, which signifies a product from a company qualified by the PFI Standards Program, as well as how to answer customers' questions about graded fuel.
- **Pellet fuels manufacturers** will learn about the many benefits of joining the PFI Standards Program, from improving fuel consistency to enhancing operations. Speakers will also discuss recent changes to the program, among them a reduction in testing frequency requirements.

The PFI Standards Program recently announced the qualification of its 16th facility, Somerset Pellet Fuel (Somerset, KY). More pellet fuels manufacturers are preparing for qualification now and we expect to announce the qualification of more manufacturers in the coming months. Consumers are increasingly aware of the PFI Standards Program, searching for the Quality Mark as they purchase pellet fuels.

Webinar speakers will include John Shimek, SVP of North American Sales for Hearth & Home Technologies; John Crouch, Director of Public Affairs for Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association; Chris Wiberg, Lab Director, Timber Products Inspection; and Jennifer Hedrick, Executive Director, Pellet Fuels Institute.

To register for the program, [please visit PFI's website](#).