

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

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Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Furnaces and Boilers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (the Department or DOE) adopts as a Final Rule an Interim Final rule, published on October 14, 1997, in which DOE amended a provision of its recently promulgated final rule that prescribed revised test procedures to determine the energy efficiency of furnaces and boilers. Under the amendment, the test procedures will provide that the flue collector box on a furnace or boiler with a power burner or draft inducer need not be insulated before the start of the cool-down test.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This rule was effective November 10, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On August 23, 1993, DOE published in the **Federal Register** a proposal to amend the DOE test procedures for furnaces and boilers (58 FR 44538). On May 12, 1997, after review and evaluation of the comments received, DOE published in the **Federal Register** a final rule amending the furnace test procedure (62 FR 26140).

After the publication of the 1997 final rule, the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA) contacted the Department and asserted that the adoption in the DOE test procedures of a requirement to insulate the flue gas collector box of a power burner unit before the cool-down and heat-up tests will reduce the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of many furnaces and boilers. GAMA stated that for some units the reduced AFUE would be

below the minimum standard, while for others it would be below the qualifying levels for many utility rebate programs. The Department published an Interim Final Rule on October 14, 1997 (62 FR 53507) deleting from its recently adopted test procedure for furnaces and boilers the insulation requirement for power burner units. Since no comments were received following publication of the Interim Final Rule, this rule is adopted as final without change.

List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 430

Administrative practice and procedure, Energy conservation, Household appliances, Incorporation by reference.

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Accordingly, the interim final rule amending 10 CFR part 430 which was published at 62 FR 53507 on October 14, 1997, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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