



IMPORTANT CEC PROPOSED REGULATIONS UPDATE

On Thursday, June 6th, the **California Energy Commission (CEC)** held a public workshop on a proposed regulation for gas hearth products. **The proposal includes a 70 percent minimum efficiency for heater-rated vented gas fireplaces, stoves, and inserts, a ban on continuous pilots for most any gas-burning hearth appliance, and labeling requirements for decorative appliances.** The rule-making would affect the manufacture and sale of fireplaces, stoves, inserts, gas logs, and outdoor fireplaces. HPBA, members, and legal counsel all commented on the onerous nature, dubious benefits, and flawed cost/benefit analysis of the proposal. CEC also based many assumptions and conclusions on withdrawn Department of Energy figures which were shown to be based on little to no data.

Currently, the comment period for the proposal is set to close on Friday, June 28th, but HPBA has formally submitted a request for extension to the comment period of at least 45 days. All materials relating to the proposal and public hearing can be found [here](#). If you have any questions on CEC's regulatory effort, please contact [Ryan Carroll](#).