

Energy Efficiency Consultations

As part of its zero-emission space and water heating mandate, the B.C. government is asking natural gas, electrical and lighting contractors for feedback on a proposed ban on the use of conventional gas equipment for residential, commercial and institutional buildings.

The new rules, to take effect provincewide Jan. 1, 2030, would prohibit the sale and installation of gas water heaters and would also ban gas furnaces and gas boilers unless either is installed as part of a hybrid dual fuel system (electric or gas heat pumps integrated with conventional gas combustion appliances).

The government's [cleanBC Roadmap to 2030](#) initiative is developing a policy to implement the Highest Efficiency Equipment Standard (HEES) commitment, which identifies high-efficiency, low-carbon appliances such as electric baseboard heaters, electric furnaces, electric heat pumps, gas heat pumps or hybrid dual fuel systems as the accepted heating appliances for existing buildings and new construction in B.C., starting in six years..... [Read cleanBC HEES Regulatory Consultation.](#)

Engagement

The Province is consulting on the point of sale standards, with the stakeholder consultation period ending February 15th, 2024. The point of sale policy is described below and detailed in the appendices. The Province will hold two stakeholder webinars and two Indigenous Engagement sessions at the following times:

- Indigenous Engagement Session #1: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm January 23rd, 2024
- General Information Session #1: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm January 25th, 2024
- General Information Session #2: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm February 6th, 2024
- Indigenous Engagement Session #2: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm February 14th, 2024

Stakeholder representative organizations may register for a webinar using this form: [HEES Engagement Registration.](#)

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