

PRELIMINARY ENERGY AUDITS

A no cost glance at your energy and water use

Preliminary Energy Audits (PEA) will give you an idea of the “cost effective” energy and water conservation opportunities you have.

By “cost effective”, we mean the savings realized from the measures must pay for those measures. For instance, you can usually replace older lighting with newer more efficient lighting and the savings, over a 2 to 3 year period, will pay for the new lights. You’ll also save maintenance and operation costs.

For More Information

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is a PEA required?

A: There is no requirement that you conduct a PEA. This is a tool that will identify “cost effective” energy and water conservation savings opportunities.

Q: How much will I pay for the PEA?

A: In most cases, nothing. PEA’s are often offered free of charge. Industry offers these audits as a service, and SECO may offer them at no cost through its Schools and Local Governments Program.

Q: How do I go about having a PEA conducted on my facilities?

A: If you have a contract for electric service in place, check with your Retail Electric Provider. They may be able to provide one for you. Or, you may contact SECO for assistance in obtaining an audit.

Q: Is there an obligation to proceed with those measures identified in the PEA?

A: If you obtain one from SECO, you will be asked to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding that you will proceed with the identified measures. Industry does not require you to undergo any identified measures. SB5 does however require affected political subdivisions to do “all cost effective” measures to reduce electric consumption.

See the SECO web page for a suggested outline of the content of a PEA, as well as more detailed PEA forms and instructions.

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