

Dear TGA Member,

On July 21, 2023, the Department of Energy (DOE) released its new proposed efficiency standards for water heaters. This is just another regulation aimed at the natural gas industry with natural gas stoves the target not too long ago, or a proposed EPA rule to eliminate natural gas furnaces from the ENERGY STAR Program.

The proposed changes released last week would require higher efficiency for water heaters by using heat pump technology, or essentially require natural gas water heaters to use condensing technology.

The natural gas industry has always supported greater energy efficiency and promoted the responsible use of natural gas for lower emissions. The proposed standards will result in a significant increase in the cost of water heaters for consumers along with increased installation cost, and limit consumer choice for natural gas-fired water heaters.

As TGA members, we should remain ready to address the challenges posed by standards aimed at the natural gas industry and our customers. We should advocate for a fair and balanced approach that considers both environmental goals and the economic benefits for consumers that choose natural gas.

Please take time to research and review the proposed standards. There are countless articles that can be found summarizing the proposed rule!

TGA and the natural gas industry will continue to advocate for the long-term viability of natural gas as a reliable and responsible energy source. Thank You for your support of TGA!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Davidson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Davidson".

Mike Davidson  
TGA President