

## **Advocacy Comments on DOE’s “Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products”**

On May 8, 2015, the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed public comments with the Department of Energy (DOE) in response to the proposed rule “Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products.”

- On February 9, 2015, the DOE issued the proposed rule “Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products” and solicited comments.
- The proposed rule would create energy efficiency standards for hearth products that would require manufacturers of hearth products to replace standing pilot lights with electronic ignition systems.
- DOE’s analysis of small business impacts did not calculate the cost of complying with the rule relative to the small business revenue, so it is unclear how much the proposed rule would impact the hearth product industry.
- Advocacy encourages DOE to reach out to affected small manufacturers so that a more focused inquiry on small business impacts can be made, and other regulatory alternatives can be considered.

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