

Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program - Plan Year 2025

APPENDIX B

Quarterly Report: Third Quarter (July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025)  
Response to Evaluators' Recommendations

Program	PY	Recommendation	Action Completion Date	Action(s) Taken
Home Energy Savings	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Low Flow Showerheads  <b>Recommendation 3.</b> Ensure the ResidentialBuildingType column in the "Project" tab of tracking data is populated for all measures.</p>	10/8/2025	Nicor Gas updated source data to allow for the correct residential building type to be populated.
Home Energy Savings	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Low Flow Bathroom Aerators  <b>Recommendation 4.</b> Ensure the ResidentialBuildingType column in the "Project" tab of tracking data is populated for all measures.</p>	10/8/2025	Nicor Gas updated source data to allow for the correct residential building type to be populated.
Business Custom	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Custom  <b>Recommendation 4.</b> When conducting trend data and utility data analysis, include data collected through most recent time period to better cover the post installation operation. If data collected during certain periods should not be included in the analysis, document the reason and specific dates in the calculator.</p>	10/1/2025	Nicor Gas will ensure post installation data is included in the data analysis for production-dependent projects.
Business Custom	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Custom  <b>Recommendation 5.</b> When there are multiple measures installed under the same projects, they should be considered sequentially to account for the measure interaction, i.e., measure 1 post installation operation should be the theoretical baseline of measure 2, and measure 2 baseline should not be the actual project baseline before any measure installation. This approach helps eliminate double claiming energy savings when the measures installed at the participating site are for the same systems and interact with each other.</p>	10/1/2025	Nicor Gas has increased QA/QC to identify interactive elements in savings calculations.
Business Custom	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Custom  <b>Recommendation 8.</b> Continue to enhance the engineering review quality control process for projects to ensure the key inputs and assumptions are consistent with project installation and system operation and are supported by reference documentation.</p>	10/1/2025	Nicor Gas has increased QA/QC to ensure key inputs and assumptions are consistent with the project documentation when calculating savings.
Business Energy Efficiency Rebates	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Steam Traps  <b>Recommendation 4.</b> Provide more information on the source of the T1 values in the "Utilization Factor" column of the tracking data or ensure the tracking data inputs align with the current IL TRM.</p>	10/24/2025	Nicor Gas has updated the T1 input in the savings calculation to align with IL TRMv14.
Strategic Energy Management	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> SEM  <b>Recommendation 1.</b> When available, utilize multiple independent variables to ensure all savings are captured. If no additional variables are available or if the implementation team elects to use exclusively HDD, a brief narrative description should be provided to justify the exclusive use of HDD values. For the current program year, all indicator variables were within program guidelines and the savings estimates were likely conservative, so ultimately no adjustments were made. But additional savings may be available if diverse variables are implemented.</p>	10/1/2025	Nicor Gas will consider utilizing diverse variables in future savings calculations
Business Energy Efficiency Rebates	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Garage Door Hinge  <b>Recommendation 13.</b> Provide all necessary details in the tracking data to follow the IL TRM v12.0 deemed savings tables for Garage Door Hinge measures. The tracking data does have Climate Zone and Building Type, but do not specify if the measure is installed as a retrofit or new construction measure. If ex ante savings follow the TRM's algorithm, ensure the tracking data reflects that by providing all necessary input values.</p>	10/1/2025	Nicor Gas has clarified this program is limited to retrofit.
Single Family Income Eligible Program	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Furnace Tune-Ups  <b>Recommendation 2:</b> Ensure savings input, Ei, found in Nicor's tracking data corresponds with the savings inputs used to determine ex ante therm savings. In this instance it should reflect the IC's tracking data for joint measures.</p>	6/1/2025	Nicor Gas has increased QA/QC to identify savings input discrepancies for joint measures.

Single Family Income Eligible Program	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Energy Recovery Ventilator</p> <p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> The evaluation team found the project measure, MEA-2024.10.01-779768, was labeled as Indoor Air Quality Services instead of Residential Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV). The evaluation team was able to determine this measure as ERV due to the measure notes found in Nicor's tracking data.</p>	6/1/2025	Nicor Gas has updated their data rules to accept Energy Recovery Ventilators as a savings measure.
Multi-Family Income Eligible Program	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Boiler Tune Up</p> <p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> Include additional notes in the tracking data to describe the circumstance that led to reporting zero savings for any measures.</p>	7/1/2025	Nicor Gas implemented additional QA/QC to identify instances resulting in zero savings.
Multi-Family Income Eligible Program	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Pipe Insulation, Attic Insulation, Wall Insulation, and High Efficiency Boilers</p> <p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> For each measure for findings 3-8, ensure that savings are calculated based on the inputs recorded in the program tracking data.</p>	6/2/2025	Nicor Gas has updated the tracking data to align with the savings calculations.
Multi-Family Income Eligible Program	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Steam Trap</p> <p><b>Recommendation 4:</b> Ensure that the annual gas consumption of the building is included in the tracking data.</p>	7/2/2025	Nicor Gas has added the annual usage field to the tracking data.
Multi-Family Income Eligible Program	2024	<p><b>Measures:</b> Pipe Insulation and Furnace Tune Up</p> <p><b>Recommendation 5:</b> Ensure that inputs used to calculate savings are recorded accurately in the tracking data. Instead of providing supplemental data after final tracking data have been submitted for evaluation, we recommend that Nicor Gas and the program implementer review the data collection and documentation process to improve the data tracking quality.</p>	6/2/2025	Nicor Gas has updated the tracking data to align with the savings calculations for Furnace Tune Ups and Pipe Insulation.