

# **Emerging Technology Update**

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# Idea Generation & Application Process

- Web Based Submission Form
  - Go to:

### www.NicorGasRebates.com

- Resources > Emerging Technology
- General Questionnaire
- Product Specific Questionnaire
- Stage Gate Process
  - Product is Scored
  - Evaluated
- Weighted Scale & Scoring
  - Score of 60+
  - Action Plan to Pilot

## 4S- A Ready, Set, Go Stage and Gate Process





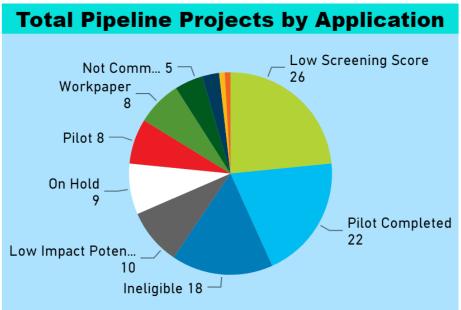
Criteria	Score	Weighting	Final Score
Cost-Effectiveness	0 to 5	5	0 to 25
Gas Savings Potential (Net Energy Savings)	0 to 5	4	0 to 20
Value to EEP Portfolio	0 to 5	3	0 to 15
Non-Energy Benefits	0 to 5	2	0 to 10
Regional Support and Distribution	0 to 5	2	0 to 10
Technological Maturity	0 to 5	2	0 to 10
Ease of Implementation/Market Adoption	0 to 5	2	0 to 10
TOTAL	323	2	0 to 100

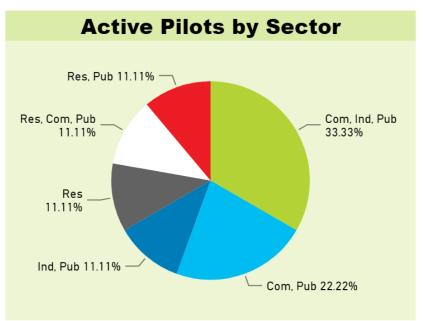




# **Emerging Technologies Program**







Milestone	Task Name	Status •	% Complete	Finish
Milestone	#1134 EcoFurn Lab Testing	In Progress	80%	3/6/19
Milestone	#1115 Boiler Array Site Acquisition (WI, OH, IA) & Study Monitoring Plan	In Progress	60%	3/11/19
Milestone	#1113 Room Air Diffuser TRM Work Paper	In Progress	70%	3/29/19
Milestone	#1085 Boiler Chemical Descaling - Downers Grove Baseline Analysis	In Progress	60%	4/2/19
Milestone	#1119 Venturi Steam - Field Test Site Acquisition	In Progress	80%	4/12/19
Milestone	#1132 Spring Loaded Garage Door Hinge TRM Work Paper	In Progress	20%	4/19/19
Milestone	#1123 Radiator Control Valve - Baseline Monitoring	In Progress	20%	5/16/19
Milestone	#1118 LowE Window Systems - Baseline Monitoring	In Progress	30%	6/3/19
Milestone	#1116 IntelliHot Tankless Water Heaters - Field Data Collection & Analysis	In Progress	20%	8/9/19

# EcoFurn



- Uses gas more efficiently, reducing your energy bill by 20%
- Turns single stage residential heating into two stage with simple add on device.
- Markets Residential Base Furnaces
- Lab Testing currently being performed at GTI



# Venturi Steam Traps

- Joint Nicor Gas/SoCal Pilot
- Phase 1 Laboratory test completed
- Evolved from fixed orifice technology
- Benefits
  - No moving parts
  - Reduced failure rates
  - Long Measure Life
  - Can be installed horizontally and vertically
- Results: Functions on par with mechanical Steam traps
- Manufacturer resistance
- Next Step: Phase 2 Field Pilot



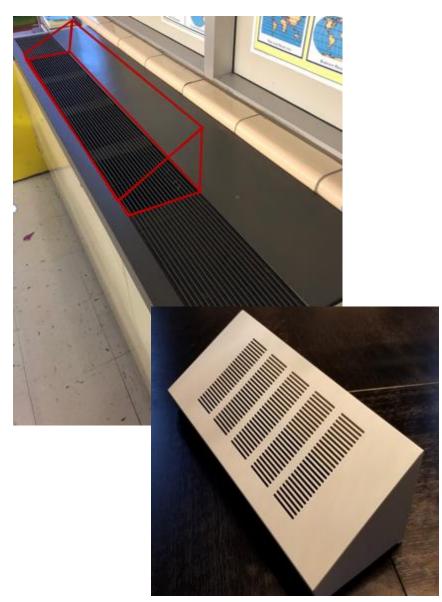
## Unit Ventilator Room Air Diffuser



- Sits on top of unit ventilators
  - Can easily self install
  - Several screws attach to the Univent
- Improves air distribution in rooms
- Reduces boiler runtime

### **Benefits**

- 45 vs. 120 minute morning room warm up time
- Increased comfort by eliminating cold & hot spots
- Easy user installation
- Eliminates blocked vents from stacking
- Passive, no electricity consumed
- 16.9% Average Therm Savings
- Downers Grove School Pilot 12 classrooms
- TRMv8 Workpaper being developed



### LowE Interior Storm Windows



- Description: Cost efficient alternative to single pane window replacement
- Benefits:
  - Saves Gas and Electric
  - Reduces drafts
  - Doubles R value
- Target market
  - Residential
  - Single family
  - Multi family

Joint Nicor Gas & ComEd pilot

Oak Park Preschool & Little Friend MF Building



### **Chemical Boiler Descaler**



Dissolves water scale, lime, mud and rust deposits into solution.

#### **Benefits:**

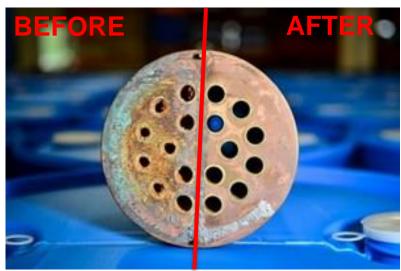
- Increases efficiency
- Reduces energy costs
- Increases useful life
- Non-toxic, Non-injurious, Nonflammable, Non-corrosive
- Non-hazardous
- Biodegradable

Market: all water based boilers

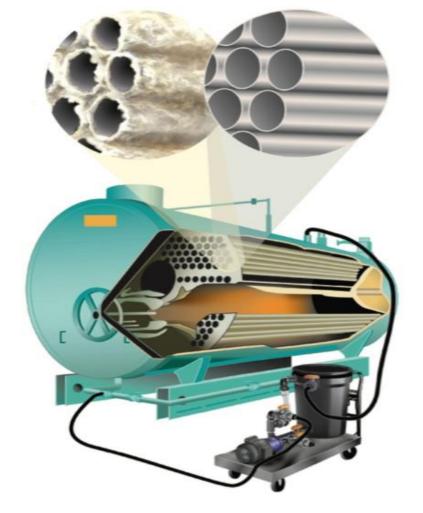
#### **Fuel Cost Increase**

1/16 inch buildup = 11% increase 1/2 inch buildup = 60% increase

**Downer Grove School - Baseline Monitoring for Pilot** 









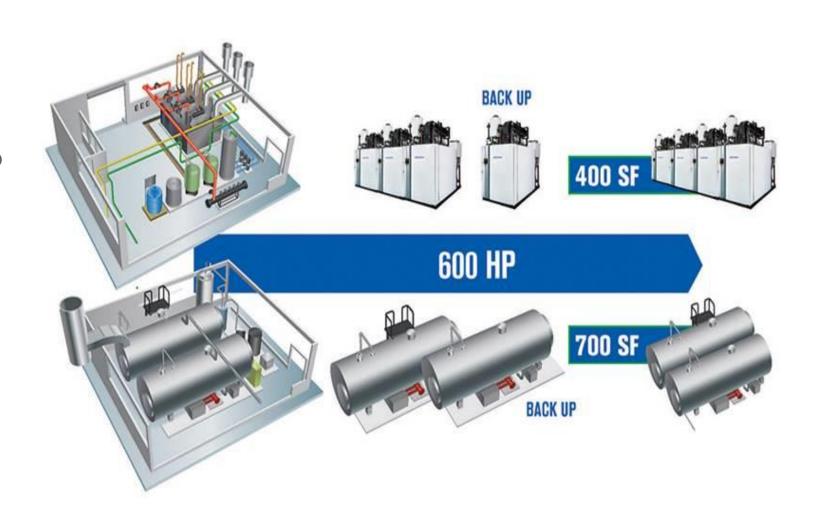


# **Boiler Array**

- Modular technology –
- Demand Response Heating
- Modules from 50 HP to 300 HP

### Benefits:

- Reduced gas consumption
- Reduced start up costs
- Reduced standby losses
- Demand response in 5 minutes





# Commercial On Demand Hot Water



On Demand Hot Water Array

Description: Instantaneous water heaters
Heat water directly without using storage tanks

#### Benefits:

- Constant supply
- Reduces standby losses
- Saves natural gas
- Scalable with array
- Handles varying loads
- Size based on need
- Improved reliability
- Target Markets Highrise building, most commercial applications, prisons, colleges & food service
- Currently performing base monitoring at a customer site



## Nicor ETP Upcoming Technologies



### **Small Radiator Valves**

## Description: controls radiator heating

- Hot water radiators
- Steam radiators

## **Target Markets:**

- Residential
- Large public sector
- K12 schools
- Government buildings
- Multi-family buildings
- Single family homes

### Pilot Sites

- Single Family (Hinkley, IL)
- Downers Grove School









A **Nicor Gas** program

# Questions?

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