### Low Flow Showerheads

###### Description

This measure relates to the installation of a low flow showerhead in a single or multi-family household.

This measure may be used for units provided through Efficiency Kit’s however the in service rate for such measures should be derived through evaluation results specifically for this implementation methodology.

This measure was developed to be applicable to the following program types:  TOS, RF, NC, DI, KITS.

If applied to other program types, the measure savings should be verified.

###### Definition of Efficient Equipment

To qualify for this measure the installed equipment must be a low flow showerhead rated at 2.0 gallons per minute (GPM) or less. Savings are calculated on a per showerhead fixture basis.

###### Definition of Baseline Equipment

For Direct-install programs, the baseline condition is assumed to be a standard showerhead rated at 2.5 GPM or greater.

For retrofit and time-of-sale programs, the baseline condition is assumed to be a representative average of existing showerhead flow rates of participating customers including a range of low flow showerheads, standard-flow showerheads, and high-flow showerheads.

###### Deemed Lifetime of Efficient Equipment

The expected measure life is assumed to be 10 years.[[1]](#footnote-2)

###### Deemed Measure Cost

The incremental cost for this measure is $12[[2]](#footnote-3) or program actual.

For low flow showerheads provided in Efficiency Kits, the actual program delivery costs should be utilized.

###### Loadshape

Loadshape R03 - Residential Electric DHW

###### Coincidence Factor

The coincidence factor for this measure is assumed to be 2.78%.[[3]](#footnote-4)

**Algorithm**

###### Calculation of Savings

###### Electric Energy Savings

Note these savings are per showerhead fixture

ΔkWh = %ElectricDHW \* ((GPM\_base \* L\_base - GPM\_low \* L\_low) \* Household \* SPCD \* 365.25 / SPH) \* EPG\_electric \* ISR

Where:

%ElectricDHW = proportion of water heating supplied by electric resistance heating

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| --- | --- |
| **DHW fuel** | **%ElectricDHW** |
| Electric | 100% |
| Natural Gas | 0% |
| Unknown | 16%[[4]](#footnote-5) |

GPM\_base = Flow rate of the baseline showerhead

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| **Program** | **GPM\_base** |
| Direct-install | 2.67[[5]](#footnote-6) |
| Retrofit, Efficiency Kits, NC or TOS | 2.35[[6]](#footnote-7) |

GPM\_low = As-used flow rate of the low-flow showerhead, which may, as a result of measurements of program evaulations deviate from rated flows, see table below:

| **Rated Flow** |
| --- |
| 2.0 GPM |
| 1.75 GPM |
| 1.5 GPM |
| Custom or Actual[[7]](#footnote-8) |

L\_base = Shower length in minutes with baseline showerhead

= 7.8 min[[8]](#footnote-9)

L\_low = Shower length in minutes with low-flow showerhead

= 7.8 min[[9]](#footnote-10)

Household = Average number of people per household

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| **Household Unit Type[[10]](#footnote-11)** | **Household** |
| Single-Family - Deemed | 2.56[[11]](#footnote-12) |
| Multi-Family - Deemed | 2.1[[12]](#footnote-13) |
| Custom | Actual Occupancy or Number of Bedrooms[[13]](#footnote-14) |

SPCD = Showers Per Capita Per Day

= 0.6[[14]](#footnote-15)

365.25 = Days per year, on average.

SPH = Showerheads Per Household so that per-showerhead savings fractions can be determined

| **Household Type** | **SPH** |
| --- | --- |
| Single-Family | 1.79[[15]](#footnote-16) |
| Multi-Family | 1.3[[16]](#footnote-17) |
| Custom | Actual |

EPG\_electric = Energy per gallon of hot water supplied by electric

= (8.33 \* 1.0 \* (ShowerTemp - SupplyTemp)) / (RE\_electric \* 3412)

= (8.33 \* 1.0 \* (101 – 54.1)) / (0.98 \* 3412)

= 0.117 kWh/gal

8.33 = Specific weight of water (lbs/gallon)

1.0 = Heat Capacity of water (btu/lb-°)

ShowerTemp = Assumed temperature of water

= 101F [[17]](#footnote-18)

SupplyTemp = Assumed temperature of water entering house

= 54.1F [[18]](#footnote-19)

RE\_electric = Recovery efficiency of electric water heater

= 98% [[19]](#footnote-20)

3412 = Converts Btu to kWh (btu/kWh)

ISR = In service rate of showerhead

= Dependant on program delivery method as listed in table below

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| --- | --- |
| **Selection** | **ISR** |
| Direct Install - Single Family | 0.98**[[20]](#footnote-21)** |
| Direct Install – Multi Family | 0.95[[21]](#footnote-22) |
| Efficiency Kits--One showerhead kit | 0.65[[22]](#footnote-23) |
| Efficiency Kits—Two showerhead kit | 0.67[[23]](#footnote-24) |
| Distributed School Efficiency Kit showerhead | To be determined through evaluation |

For example, a direct-installed 1.5 GPM low flow showerhead in a single family home with electric DHW where the number of showers is not known:

ΔkWh = 1.0 \* ((2.67 \* 7.8 – 1.5 \* 7.8) \* 2.56 \* 0.6 \* 365.25 / 1.79) \* 0.117 \* 0.98

= 328 kWh

###### Summer Coincident Peak Demand Savings

ΔkW = ΔkWh/Hours \* CF

Where:

ΔkWh = calculated value above

Hours = Annual electric DHW recovery hours for showerhead use

= ((GPM\_base \* L\_base) \* Household \* SPCD \* 365.25 ) \* 0.712[[24]](#footnote-25) / GPH

= 302 for SF Direct Install; 248 for MF Direct Install

= 266 for SF Retrofit, Efficiency Kits, NC and TOS; 218 for MF Retrofit, Efficiency Kits, NC and TOS

GPH = Gallons per hour recovery of electric water heater calculated for 65.9F temp rise (120-54.1), 98% recovery efficiency, and typical 4.5kW electric resistance storage tank.

= 27.51

CF = Coincidence Factor for electric load reduction

= 0.0278[[25]](#footnote-26)

For example, a direct installed 1.5 GPM low flow showerhead in a single family home with electric DHW where the number of showers is not known:

ΔkW = 328/302 \* 0.0278

= 0.0302 kW

###### Natural Gas Savings

ΔTherms = %FossilDHW \* ((GPM\_base \* L\_base - GPM\_low \* L\_low) \* Household \* SPCD \* 365.25 / SPH) \* EPG\_gas \* ISR

Where:

%FossilDHW = proportion of water heating supplied by Natural Gas heating

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| --- | --- |
| **DHW fuel** | **%Fossil\_DHW** |
| Electric | 0% |
| Natural Gas | 100% |
| Unknown | 84%[[26]](#footnote-27) |

EPG\_gas = Energy per gallon of Hot water supplied by gas

= (8.33 \* 1.0 \* (ShowerTemp - SupplyTemp)) / (RE\_gas \* 100,000)

= 0.00501 Therm/gal for SF homes

= 0.00583 Therm/gal for MF homes

RE\_gas = Recovery efficiency of gas water heater

= 78% For SF homes[[27]](#footnote-28)

= 67% For MF homes[[28]](#footnote-29)

100,000 = Converts Btus to Therms (btu/Therm)

Other variables as defined above.

For example, a direct installed 1.5 GPM low flow showerhead in a gas fired DHW single family home where the number of showers is not known:

ΔTherms = 1.0 \* ((2.67 \* 7.8 – 1.5 \* 7.8) \* 2.56 \* 0.6 \* 365.25 / 1.79) \* 0.00501 \* 0.98

= 14.0 therms

###### Water Impact Descriptions and Calculation

Δgallons = ((GPM\_base \* L\_base - GPM\_low \* L\_low) \* Household \* SPCD \* 365.25 / SPH) \* ISR

Variables as defined above

For example, a direct installed 1.5 GPM low flow showerhead in a single family home where the number of showers is not known:

Δgallons = ((2.67 \* 7.8 – 1.5 \* 7.8) \* 2.56 \* 0.6 \* 365.25 / 1.79) \* 0.98

= 2803 gallons

###### Deemed O&M Cost Adjustment Calculation

N/A

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2. Direct-install price per showerhead assumes cost of showerhead (Market research average of $7 and assess and install time of $5 (20min @ $15/hr) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Calculated as follows: Assume 11% showers take place during peak hours (based on: <http://www.aquacraft.com/sites/default/files/pub/DeOreo-%282001%29-Disaggregated-Hot-Water-Use-in-Single-Family-Homes-Using-Flow-Trace-Analysis.pdf>). There are 65 days in the summer peak period, so the percentage of total annual aerator use in peak period is 0.11\*65/365 = 1.96%. The number of hours of recovery during peak periods is therefore assumed to be 1.96% \* 369 = 7.23 hours of recovery during peak period, where 369 equals the average annual electric DHW recovery hours for showerhead use including SF and MF homes with Direct Install and Retrofit/TOS measures. There are 260 hours in the peak period so the probability you will see savings during the peak period is 7.23/260 = 0.0278 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Default assumption for unknown fuel is based on EIA Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) 2009 for Midwest Region, data for the state of IL. If utilities have specific evaluation results providing a more appropriate assumption for homes in a particular market or geographical area then that should be used [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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7. Note that actual values may be either a) program-specific minimum flow rate, or b) program-specific evaluation-based value of actual effective flow-rate due to increased duration or temperatures. The latter increases in likelihood as the rated flow drops and may become significant at or below rated flows of 1.5 GPM. The impact can be viewed as the inverse of the throttling described in the footnote for baseline flowrate. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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19. Electric water heaters have recovery efficiency of 98%: <http://www.ahridirectory.org/ahridirectory/pages/home.aspx> [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
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28. Water heating in multi-family buildings is often provided by a larger central boiler. This suggests that the average recovery efficiency is somewhere between a typical central boiler efficiency of 0.59 and the 0.75 for single family homes. An average efficiency of 0.67 is used for this analysis as a default for multi-family buildings. [↑](#footnote-ref-29)