**Section 100.440 Standards and Techniques for Weatherization**

a) Only those materials that meet or exceed the standards prescribed by the Department in accordance with 10 CFR 440.Appendix A (2001) shall be purchased with funds provided under this Part. Further, where it is in the best interest of the State, the Department shall enter into cooperative purchasing agreements in which local agencies will be required to purchase products from a specified vendor in order to take advantage of a negotiated agreement on bulk purchase pricing. The Department will determine that a cooperative purchasing agreement is in the best interest of the State when equipment or materials, such as technical or specialty items, can be obtained at a lower cost.

b) The most cost-effective measures for each dwelling unit shall be determined by utilizing Department audit procedures that take into account the cost of fuel saved, the lifetime of the materials installed, the costs of the materials, and the cost of installing the materials in accordance with the Department of Energy guidelines outlined in 10 CFR 440.21, February 1, 2002, with no later amendments or editions. The priorities on weatherization materials to be installed shall result from the application of these audit procedures. Department audit procedures will indicate when heating units are to be tuned and/or repaired, retrofitted or replaced.

c) The IHWAP will not allow local agencies to switch a dwelling unit's fuel source unless they have received a written determination from the Department that the conversion would be more cost beneficial, as determined in accordance with subsection (b).

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