

- 2026 Meetings Update
- ACCWPA Golf Outing
- DOE Furnace Efficiency

2026 Meeting Dates

2026

July & August

NO ACCWPA – BOARD OR
GENERAL MEETINGS

August 18th

ACCWPA Golf Outing
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AUGUST 18TH!



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ACCWPA Golf Outing

Quicksilver

2000 Quicksilver Road, Midway PA 15060

10:00 am Shotgun Start

Tuesday

August 18th, 2026





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Associate member?
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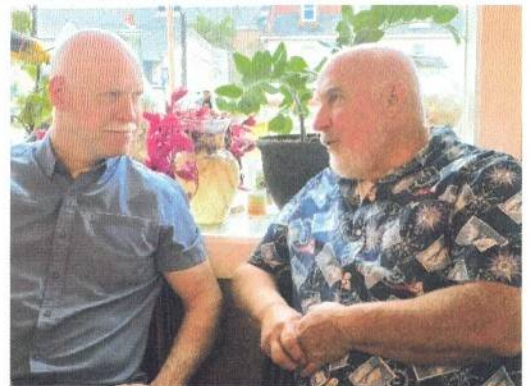


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GIANT OAKS WINERY SOCIAL OUTING - June 11, 2026



Taking time to have fun!!



DOE Furnace Efficiency Standards Face Legal Challenges and Possible Delays

By Nicole Krawcke - ACCA

New legal and regulatory developments could reshape compliance timelines and equipment choices for HVAC contractors nationwide.

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The Trump administration has joined industry groups asking the Supreme Court to scrap Biden-era DOE rules, while DOE separately weighs pushing compliance deadlines to 2030. Two different paths could reshape your replacement options.

Key Highlights

Trade groups argue that new efficiency standards could lead to costly retrofits and limit options for homeowners and contractors.

Delays in compliance deadlines could provide more time for industry adaptation but may also create market uncertainty.

The ongoing legal and regulatory developments highlight the need for HVAC professionals to stay informed on policy changes.

WASHINGTON — Back in January, trade groups representing the natural gas and propane industries asked the Supreme Court to review U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) efficiency rules that would phase out many non-condensing gas furnaces and commercial water heaters.

According to *E&E News*, the Trump administration has formally backed industry efforts asking the Supreme Court to overturn Biden-era DOE efficiency standards for gas furnaces and commercial water heaters. The Department of Justice argued the prior rules were legally flawed and said DOE is reviewing whether the standards place undue burdens on consumers and energy use.

There has still been no word on whether the Supreme Court will take up the case. Trade groups contend the standards could force costly retrofits in older homes and limit replacement options for contractors and homeowners using existing venting systems. The case also raises broader questions about how far federal agencies can go in setting appliance efficiency standards that effectively remove products from the market.

Additionally, the DOE is considering delaying compliance deadlines for commercial water heater and furnace efficiency standards, *Bloomberg Law* reports. Gas industry groups have petitioned DOE to move the deadlines from 2026 and 2028 to January 2030, citing concerns about implementation timelines and market readiness.

The ongoing legal challenges and potential delays surrounding federal furnace efficiency standards underscore the importance of staying flexible as regulatory requirements continue to evolve. While a postponement could provide additional time for training, inventory management, and customer education, uncertainty around future equipment standards may complicate long-term business planning and replacement strategies.

Contractors will likely need to balance current demand for traditional gas furnace systems with growing pressure toward higher-efficiency and electrified technologies. As federal agencies and the courts continue to weigh the future of these rules, HVAC professionals should closely monitor policy developments that could affect compliance obligations, installation costs, and product availability in the years ahead.

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ACCWPA Corner



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essence of
everything
successful.*

**PEACE, LOVE
and JOY
thru out 2025!**

Smart Words
One Kind
Word can
change
someone's
entire day!

Inspiration



QUESTION OF THE MONTH -

By Federated Insurance

QUESTION:

Since our work slows down during the summer, we would like to host a couple of office parties for our employees—maybe one for the Fourth of July and maybe another one just for fun. We want to show our employees that we appreciate all their hard work. What are some general considerations we should be aware of? We are planning to serve alcohol.

Answer:

Office parties are a great way for employers to show appreciation for their employees and boost morale. That said, employees must still behave appropriately; an employer should not tolerate behavior at a party that would not be allowed at work. Employers should ensure that employees understand the expectations for conduct at such events.

If alcohol will be served, there are potential risks an employer should consider. Allowing employees to drive after consuming alcohol might create liability exposure if an employer knew or should have known that an employee was unfit to drive and allowed them to do so anyway and an accident ensues, causing damage, injury or worse. For workers' compensation purposes, consuming alcohol at a company function might be considered within the scope of employment if the activity is required or even endorsed by the employer, and any injuries or illnesses sustained might give rise to potential workers' compensation claims. Company parties have also been the backdrop for sexual harassment and other complaints, particularly if employees become unruly and engage in improper behavior while intoxicated.

As alluded to above, an employer should emphasize its policies prohibiting alcohol abuse, harassment, fighting and other misconduct, all of which apply at a company social event. An employer can also consider refusing to serve alcohol to visibly intoxicated people, issuing a limited number of drink tickets, having nonalcoholic drink options, and/or offering an alternative to driving (e.g., cabs, designated drivers, Uber services). Additionally, an employer should review its workers' compensation and general liability insurance policies and contact the carriers for specific guidance on coverage and liability.

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- Advocacy agenda promote contractor interest.
- Labor and HR legal advice before utilities
- Helping members to stay ahead of the curve
- 6-8 Monthly informative meetings



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!



Upcoming Meetings!

2026

Meetings Schedule!

July & August

NO Board or General Mtgs i

August 18th

ACCWPA Golf Outing
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September 10th

Board Mtg. & General Mtg.
Guest Speaker: TBD
Topic & Location – TBD



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Silence, Let
Success makes
the Noise!**

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Topic & Location – TBD



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