

E1 Responses to East Coast Environmental Law (ECEL) Information Requests
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1 **Request IR-01:**

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3 **Refer to Exhibit E-1, “Notice of Application and Evidence”, within the “Evidence” section, dated**
4 **May 16, 2025. At page 18, lines 21-25, EfficiencyOne states:**

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6 **“EFG’s scope included assisting E1 in leading a series of DSMAG workshops**
7 **and DSMAG discussions about the cost-effectiveness test design, researching**
8 **Nova Scotia legislation to determine current policy objectives that would bear**
9 **upon the design of the cost-effectiveness test, ensuring the design of the cost-**
10 **effectiveness test adhered to the National Standard Practice Manual**
11 **(“NSPM”) where possible, and ensuring that the test design was based upon**
12 **the most recent Nova-Scotia specific data.”**

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14 **(a) Please describe the application of the National Standard Practice Manual (“NSPM”) in**
15 **North America and explain why an optimal cost-effectiveness test for demand-side**
16 **management plans in Nova Scotia should adhere to the NSPM.**

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18 **Response IR-01:**

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20 The following IR response has been provided by Energy Futures Group (EFG).

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22 (a) The National Standard Practice Manual (NSPM) was developed to assist jurisdictions with
23 the development of a jurisdictionally specific benefit cost test. It has been used or cited
24 widely throughout North America as illustrated in the May 2025 updated graphic below.¹

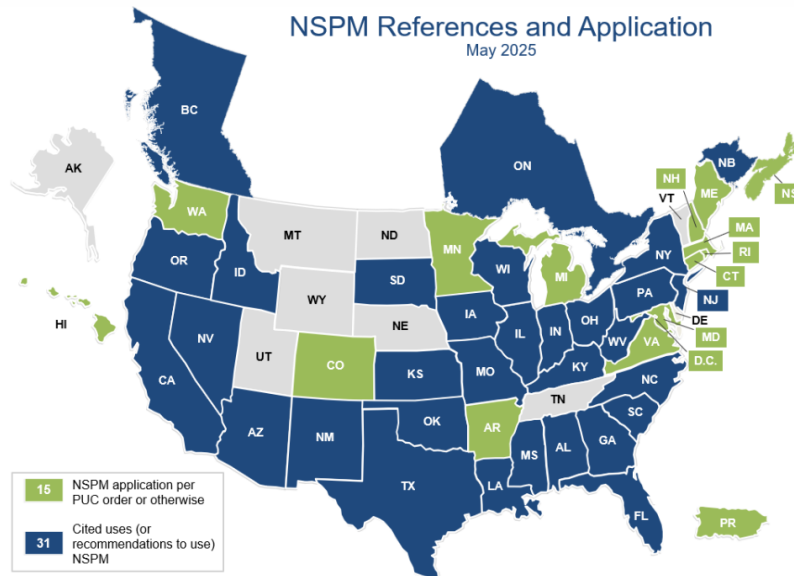
¹ <https://www.nationalenergyscreeningproject.org/national-standard-practice-manual/state-references/#:~:text=State%20Use%20of%20NSPM,:%20States'%20Use%20of%20NSPM>

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NSPM References

The map shows where the NSPM has been recommended or referenced by stakeholders across the U.S. and in Canada. Details for the U.S. are provided in this [Summary of NSPM References](#) (2020-2025)*.



Note that states where the NSPM has been referenced but not yet applied does not indicate that the commission rejected the NSPM. Rather, the NSPM is on record in a docket as a recommended BCA framework for PSC consideration.

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- 2 EfficiencyOne (E1) was directed by the Nova Scotia Energy Board (Nova Scotia Utility and Review
- 3 Board at the time) to develop an optimal benefit cost test for Nova Scotia with reference to the
- 4 NSPM. E1 and the EFG team also recommended to the Demand Side Management Advisory
- 5 Group (DSMAG) following the NSPM principles and steps as the best method for developing,
- 6 refining and proposing a new Nova Scotia test. The seven workshops, follow-up conversations
- 7 with DSMAG members and the EFG reports were all undertaken with guidance and structure
- 8 from the National Standard Practice Manual in mind.