

This notice is being provided to update stakeholders and members of the public on the status of the Emerging Renewables Program (ERP) suspension and the process for revising the ERP Guidebook.

When the ERP suspension notice was issued on March 4, 2011, the Energy Commission anticipated that it would take up to 120 days to review the ERP Guidebook and adopt necessary changes. However, this process is taking longer than the Energy Commission had anticipated.

The Energy Commission is still in the process of developing proposed changes to the ERP Guidebook to address program deficiencies as discussed at the Energy Commission's April 14, 2011, Staff Workshop. Once these proposed guidebook changes have been developed and finalized they will be distributed for public review and comment.

Energy Commission staff are also still reviewing the applications received prior to the March 4, 2011 program suspension. Applicants will be notified once the Energy Commission completes its review of the applications.

At this point, Energy Commission staff cannot provide a definitive answer when the ERP will be re-initiated. However, please know that Energy Commission staff are working diligently to resolve all outstanding issues so the Energy Commission can re-initiate the program as quickly as possible.

The Energy Commission appreciates your continued patience.