

The PFI Standards Program is a third party accreditation program providing standards specifications for residential and commercial grade fuel. Its development was prompted by an announcement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that in its revised New Source Performance Standard for Residential Wood Heaters (NSPS) it would require pellet stoves to meet strict emissions requirements based on their Best Demonstrated Technology. EPA is not expected to create its own pellet standard for use within the NSPS; rather it is anticipated that it will use the PFI Standards Program as the standard of reference.

Where can I learn more about specific program requirements?

The PFI Standards Program documents outline all program requirements and can be found on the PFI website: www.pelletheat.org/pfi-standards.

I am a densified biomass fuel manufacturer and wish to enroll in the program. What are the steps I need to take to enroll?

Densified biomass manufacturers *must* enroll through an accredited auditing agency, which in turn will provide you with program costs and the information needed to get started. A list of accredited auditing agencies can be found at:

<http://pelletheat.org/pfi-standards/how-to-enroll/>

Do I have to be a member of PFI to participate in the program?

No. The program is open to all densified biomass manufacturers regardless of membership status with PFI.

Is enrollment in the program required?

No. However, in its upcoming revision of the New Source Performance Standard for Residential Wood Heaters (NSPS) mentioned above, the U.S. EPA is slated to require that residential pellet burning appliances only burn pellets that have been submitted to a standards program. It is anticipated that the PFI Standards Program will be the standard of reference in the NSPS. The final NSPS is expected to be released in 2014.

I am a member of PFI but not enrolled in the standards program. May I still use the new bag labels?

No, only those companies registered with the PFI Standards Program can use the new quality mark to be placed on bags of audited fuel. There will be a sunset period established for the older bag labels currently found on many bags of pellet fuel.

How can I let consumers know that my pellets exceed the program's requirements?

The PFI Standards Program has three fuel categories: premium, standard and utility. The new quality mark to be affixed on bags allows manufacturers to state additional guarantees that exceed requirements outlined in the standard specification.