

UNDERSTANDING LOW-INCOME ENERGY NEEDS AND ENERGY SAVING POTENTIAL

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PAPERS:

More Tools in the Toolbox – An Examination of Metrics for Low-Income Customer Energy Burden

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Exploring the Characteristics of Low-Income Households with the Highest Energy Burdens: One Size Does Not Fit All

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National Weatherization Assistance Program Evaluation – Methods and Findings for Single Family Homes

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SESSION SUMMARY:

This session focuses on low-income households, energy affordability, and energy usage reduction. The session begins with an exploration of alternative energy burden definitions, then examines the characteristics of high-burden households, and then provides an evaluation of a program that can reduce energy burdens for low-income households. The first paper adjusts household income for other sources of support to provide alternative measures of energy burden for low-income households. The second paper explores the characteristics of low-income households with the highest energy burdens. The third paper presents findings on energy savings from the National Weatherization Assistance Program Evaluation.