

International standard to promote renewable energy

The 3rd edition of the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol (IPMVP) has been released by the United States Department of Energy (DOE). According to DOE, this protocol would assist in enhancing investor confidence in renewable energy by describing verification and measurement options to quantify the benefits of projects involving wind, solar, biomass and geothermal energy.

For developing countries, IPMVP offers cost-effective ways to construct energy-efficient buildings, control the costs of new power and water treatment plants, and limit the costs of energy imports. The standard, developed with the cooperation of various organizations and experts from 25 countries, has become the international industry consensus standard for building energy efficiency measurement and verification. Earlier editions of the protocol have contributed towards reducing several percentage points in the cost of energy efficiency financing loans and saved energy. The protocol has been translated into Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Czech, Japanese and several other languages. *Contact: Website: <http://www.energy.gov/HQP ress/releases01/janpr/pr01020.htm>.*

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