



## Settlement Reached in Regional Standards Lawsuit

With the filing of this week's settlement of the Regional Standards lawsuit, a few questions have arisen regarding what the settlement will mean.

### What will the Central Air-Conditioning Standard be in the South and Southwest?

On January 1, 2015 the efficiency standard for central air-conditioners in the South will be 14-SEER. In the Southwest, that standard will be 14 SEER and 12.2 EER for systems smaller than 45,000 Btu, and 14 SEER and 11.7 EER for systems larger than 45,000 Btu.

### What about the heat pump standard?

As of Jan. 1, 2015, national efficiency standards will be 14 SEER and 8.2 HSPF for split-system heat pumps; 14 SEER and 8.0 HSPF for single-package heat pumps; 13 SEER and 7.7 HSPF for small duct, high velocity systems; 12 SEER for space-constrained air conditioners; and 12 SEER and 7.4 EER for space-constrained heat pumps.

### Will there be an 18-month sell through for heat pumps?

Because heat pumps have a base national standard (and no regional standard), a distributor will not be limited in the amount of time it takes to fully deplete inventory of heat pumps manufactured prior to January 1, 2015.