



Successor Solar Incentive (SuSI) Program
Administratively Determined Incentive Program's
Solar Installer Update

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Housekeeping Slide

- Webinar is being recorded
- Webinar, webinar recording, and slide deck will be posted on the ADI Program homepage on New Jersey's Clean Energy Program website
- Q&A will be conducted during this webinar.
- All questions that are submitted will be answered in an FAQ format

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Background
- Contractor Remediation Procedures (CRP)
- ADI Final As Built Submissions
- ADI Initial Registration Submissions
- ADI Rules and Petitions
- Closing Remarks
- Q&A

Purpose

- Better understand the Contractor Remediation Procedures (CRP)
- High volumes of ADI initial registrations and Final As -Built packets are being deemed incomplete resulting in multiple document reviews and resulting in an increased backlog of registrations
- High percentage of registrations that violate applicable regulations and therefore require a petition to the NJ Board of Public Utilities and a Board-approved waiver

Contractor Remediation Procedures (CRP)-Levels 1-4

Solar installers who meet the following may be subject to CRP:

- Unacceptable high number of, or especially egregious, violations of ADI program standards, rules and regulations
- Submit an unacceptably high percentage of registrations that violate applicable regulations that require a Board-approved waiver of those regulations to be eligible for continued processing and final approval
- Submit an unacceptable high volume of incomplete ADI registrations and Final As-Built packets.

CRP Levels

- Level 1: Coaching
- Level 2: Probation
- Level 3: Suspension
- Level 4: Debarment

NOTE: Some solar installers will be contacted after this webinar to participate in a mandatory training for remedial education and may be subject to CRP.

CRP Performance Improvement Plan

- Identify and explain the problem
- What is the root cause of the problem?
- Identify a way or ways to resolve the root cause of the problem?
 - Steps that are being taken to address the current issue
 - What improvements will be made to the management of the current process to avoid any future issues
 - Actions that are being taken to train staff
 - Timeline for establishing new processes and procedures

ADI Final As Built Packets

Processing Timelines

- 12 Weeks: Final As Built Incomplete Review
- 14 Weeks: Final As Built Received

Volumes-Pending Review (through 11/16)

- 5,225-Final As Built Received
- 331-As Built Incomplete
- 2,544-As Built Incomplete Review

Reasons for Incomplete Final Packet

- Inconsistency in information entered in portal and on program documents
- Carelessness in submissions

Final Packets Submitted	Final As –Built Packets Received	Final Packets - Incomplete	Final Packets-Incomplete 2 nd or more	
January	1,970	397	76	
February	1,723	457	68	
March	1,983	540	87	
April	1,715	593	33	
May	1,791	559	47	
June	2,381	451	44	
July	2,057	381	131	
August	2,256	388	119	
September	1,691	811	54	
October	1,500	1,132	64	
Total	19,067	5,709	723	33.7 %

ADI Registration Packets

Processing Timelines

- 4 Weeks: ADI Initial Registrations
- Current: ADI Registration Incomplete Minor Review

Volumes-Pending Review (through 11/16)

- 1,885 –Registrations Received
- 136-Registration Incomplete

Reasons for Incomplete Registration Packet

- Inconsistency in information entered in portal and on program documents
- Carelessness in submissions

ADI Registration Packets Submitted	ADI Registration Submitted	ADI Registration Packets-Minor Deficiencies	ADI Registration Packets-Major	
January	2,586	375	156	
February	2,428	366	178	
March	2,721	318	132	
April	2,237	278	97	
May	2,546	313	110	
June	2,438	363	146	
July	2,228	176	58	
August	2,679	277	48	
September	2,198	162	47	
October	2,405	172	80	
Total	24,466	2,800	1,052	15.7%



Please contact NJREINFO@NJCleanEnergy.com for any questions or clarifications on ADI Program rules and requirements

ADI Rules-Petitions and Waivers

- Solar facilities that have commenced construction prior to the opening of ADI Program N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(b)
- Solar facilities that have commenced construction prior to receipt of their ADI Program acceptance N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.4(b)
- Facilities that increase their generating capacity by more than 20 percent or 25 kW dc, whichever is smaller from the system size in the initial ADI registration packet N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.5(k).

140 Petitions Submitted to NJ Board of Public Utilities

Petitions	Total Number of Projects
PTO Prior to ADI Program	21
PTO Prior to Acceptance	1,179
Exceeds 20%/25 kW Increase	22
Total Number of Projects Requiring a Waiver	1,222



N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.2 "Commencing commercial operation" means having obtained permission to operate (PTO) from the relevant electric distribution company.

Closing Remarks-Actions Have Consequences

- Deficient registrations and non-complaint issues have become administratively burdensome, a serious obstacle for many customers and is gumming up the ADI Program workflow and processing timelines
- This bad behavior is resulting in extensive processing timelines which is affecting others that comply with the ADI Program rules and requirements
- Solar contractors that continue with poor performance will be subject to our Contractor Remediation Procedures and if there is no improvement, may be suspended
 - For those solar installers that have submitted large numbers of incomplete FABs and/or non-compliant registrations, the Program Administrator will be contacting you to schedule additional mandatory trainings. Solar companies' senior staff will be required to attend this mandatory in-person training

Q&A

QUESTIONS

Q & A

ANSWERS

Additional Resources

- ADI Checklist and Forms <https://njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/programs/susi-program/adi-program>
- ADI Registration Online Portal <https://njadi.programprocessing.com/>
- Check out the Frequently Asked Questions webpage: <https://njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/program-updates-and-background-information/solar-transition-frequently-asked-questions>
- Check out the Solar Proceedings webpage: <https://njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/program-updates-and-background-information/solar-proceedings>
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