

Energy Policy Act of 2005: Links to Select News and Analysis

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Text of the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* (PDF 3.1 MB) - Public Law 109-58, August 8, 2005, at <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/ftp-ep/pubs/library/EnergyPolicyAct-PublicLaw109-58.pdf>

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- Oil Shale, Tar Sands, and Other Strategic Unconventional Fuels Act of 2005 - Title III, Section 369
- Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 2005 - Title III, Section 431
- Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005 - Title V
- Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 2005 - Title VI
- Spark M. Matsunaga Hydrogen Act of 2005 - Title VIII
- Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2005 - Title IX
- Electricity Modernization Act of 2005 - Title XII, Section 1201
- Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 - Title XII, Section 1261
- Energy Tax Incentive Act of 2005 - Title XIII
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OTHER SITES TRACKING EAct 2005 IMPLEMENTATION

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TIAP is sponsored by a coalition of public interest nonprofit groups, government agencies, and other organizations interested in energy efficiency. It is designed to give consumers and businesses information they need to make use of the federal income tax incentives for energy efficient products and technologies passed by Congress as part of the EAct of 2005.

Commercial Building Tax Deduction Coalition (CBTD) at <http://www.efficientbuildings.org/>

Organized by NEMA, the CBTD works to ensure provisions of EAct 2005 on commercial buildings are implemented smoothly and to promote awareness about its benefits, and energy efficiency improvements in commercial buildings. See "About the Provisions" section for a commercial buildings FAQ and the "Related Rules and Links" for IRS/Treasury guidance.

**COMMENTS & ANALYSIS –
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