



DLC Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Q3 2025

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

12:00pm- 2:00pm EDT

Welcomed attendees, reviewed the agenda and meeting guidelines

DLC Updates

- **Webinars:** Upcoming sessions will cover SSL QPL navigation, sustainability and resilience in lighting, and interoperability/cybersecurity in the NLC List.
- **Program Planning Working Group (PPWG):** Discussions included the mercury ban and LED saturation. Work is underway to make controls incentives more prescriptive. Interest in underserved communities was noted, though this market remains difficult to reach.
- **Horticultural Lighting V4.0:** Will introduce a simplified update pathway for eligible products and aligns with California Title 24 (2025).
- **Operational Improvements:** Process updates were highlighted to improve responsiveness to stakeholder inquiries.

Around the Room – IAC Updates

The committee discussed the role of lighting media in sharing DLC updates with stakeholders. While specific sources vary, there was general agreement that media can be useful for awareness and engagement but should be approached cautiously due to potential for misrepresentation. Direct communication and social platforms remain important for reaching stakeholders.

Broader concerns were also raised about rapid industry changes, shifting policies, and uncertainty around incentive programs and costs.

SSL V6.0 & LUNA V2.0 Technical Requirements

- **General Updates:** The requirements page and timeline were shared. Feedback is due through the comment process, after which the final version will be released. Members emphasized the importance of timely communication on fees and transition planning, though delays were explained as efforts to reduce manufacturer burden.
- **Controls Ready Definition:** Reviewed as a new baseline requirement for DLC Premium, with clarifications provided on product eligibility. The definition supports prescriptive incentives and connected lighting systems.
- **DLC Premium:** Discussion centered on ensuring future LED products are installed with controls or controls-ready. Questions were raised about lifetime requirements versus warranties, with concerns that lifetime claims may not be consistent or technically grounded.



- **Downlights & GSLs:** These categories were removed from Draft 2 and will not be included in the final policy. ENERGY STAR uncertainty remains, but current federal funding continues. Lamps were also pulled back due to the 2028 standards update.
- **LUNA:** Interest in dark sky and light pollution reduction continues to grow. DLC's QPL and specification align with this trend. Members suggested model legislation and strong requirements to address inconsistencies across jurisdictions.
- **Document Organization:** The final technical requirements will be restructured into seven clear sections for ease of use. Additional guidance and webinars will help manufacturers navigate the transition.

Closing

Next meeting date TBD, poll to be sent for next meeting date.