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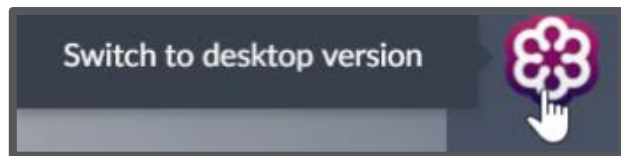


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# Save on Energy Retrofit Program

## M&V Essentials and Sample M&V Plans

Tips, tools, and best practices for creating and submitting M&V plans

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September 29, 2020

# This webinar will demonstrate...

- 1 Overview of what M&V is and why it's required
- 2 How to plan for and prepare an M&V Plan
- 3 Pump VFD Basic M&V Plan
- 4 Lighting Controls Enhanced M&V Plan
- 5 Identifying common information requests and how to avoid them
- 6 What support is available

## REMEMBER:

- Program deadlines
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- Technical review can take **2 days to 2 months** depending on project complexity
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Note: This webinar pertains to M&V requirements for projects in the Interim Framework

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## M&V Procedures



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## Plan Templates



### APPENDIX C: Generic M&V Templates

#### Generic 'Basic' M&V Plan

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Building Address:  
Building Type:  
Application #:

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Details of project time lines and milestones and document dates such as:

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Estimated Completion Date:  
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In Service Date:

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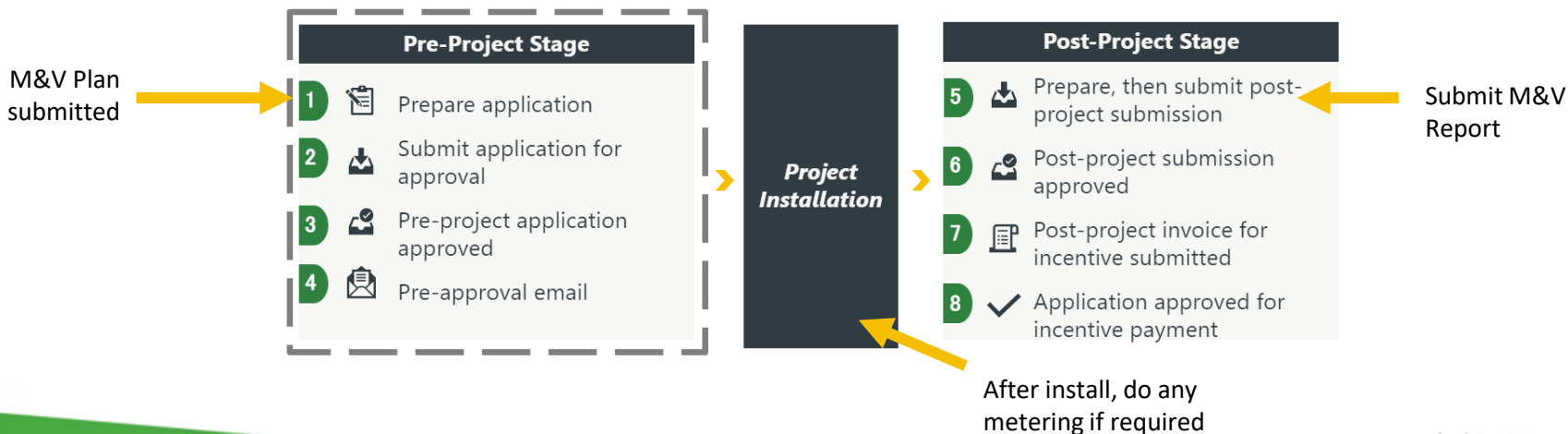
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  - 1) occupancy type, density and periods;

# Overview of Measurement and Verification

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# Record energy use before and after the retrofit to verify savings

*Measurement and Verification (M&V)* is the process of planning, measuring, collecting and analyzing data for the purpose of verifying and reporting energy savings within an individual facility resulting from the implementation of Energy Conservation Measures.





# M&V is essential to the energy efficiency sector



Identifies energy consumption in the pre-project and post-project stages to **determine project savings**



**Accurately** determines energy savings for calculating the project incentive amount



Provides Applicants with **confidence** that all energy savings are accounted for to receive an **accurate incentive**



# M&V involves documenting project energy use



A **Project M&V Plan** describes measurements and data to be gathered, analysis methods employed, and verification activities that are conducted to evaluate the performance of a measure or a project (EVO, 2016, 35).

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A **Project M&V Report** is provided at the end of the project and it documents the overall performance (measured and verified Energy and Demand Savings) of the measure and project using procedures outlined in the M&V Plan (EVO, 2016, 42).

Efficiency Valuation Organization (EVO). *Core Concepts International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol*. EVO, 2016.  
Documents can be found on the [EVO Website](#)

## Preparing for M&V takes place prior to submitting a Retrofit application

The M&V Plan should be submitted in the pre-project stage, before the project is implemented.

There are **two different M&V thresholds** for large custom projects:

### BASIC M & V

- Custom Incentive between \$10,000 - \$40,000
- Requires only calculations with engineering worksheets



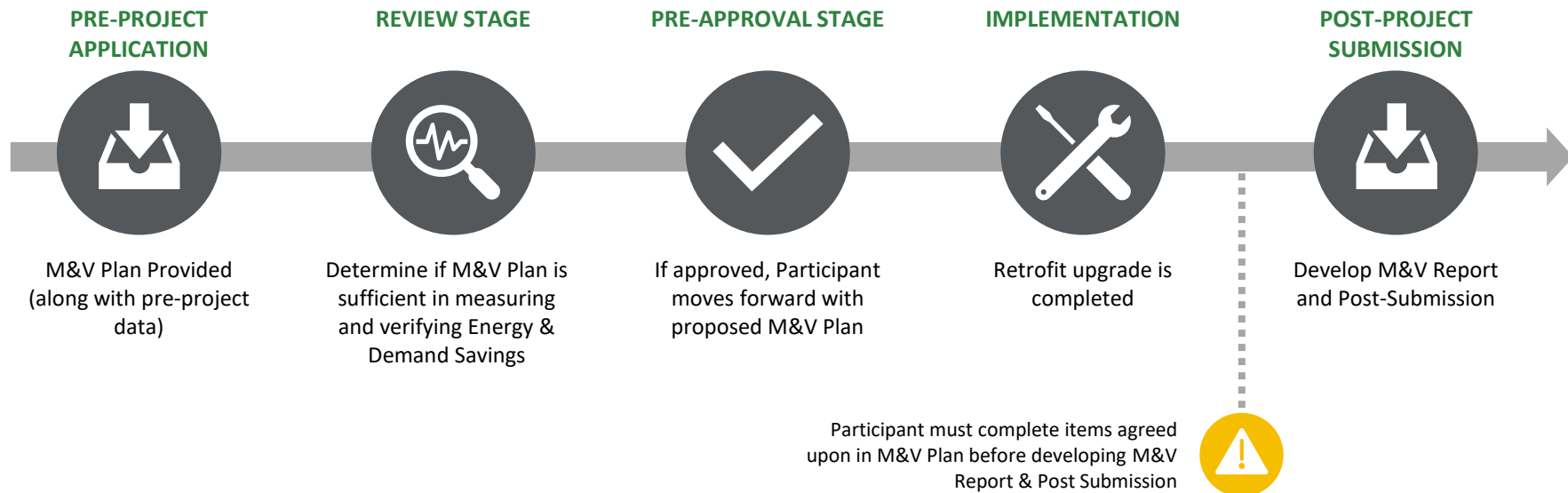
### ENHANCED M & V

- Custom Incentive greater than \$40,000
- Requires metered data (on site measurements)



The M&V Plan outlines what will be provided in the **post-stage M&V Report**

# When M&V is required, it must occur at specific stages of the project process



# Good M&V planning and reporting have multiple benefits for applicants

- A **detailed M&V Plan** will make success more likely during a time-limited review.
- **Fewer questions** from Reviewers because the explanation of the calculations, assumptions, or methodology is provided
- Provides more accurate energy consumption, along with the **possibility of greater savings and incentives**

## REMEMBER:

- Program deadlines are fast approaching
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# M&V documents can come in many forms, templates are available online

- M&V Plan Templates are available in Appendix C of the [Save on Energy Retrofit Program – Project Measurement and Verification Procedures document](#)
- Custom M&V document formats or templates can be submitted as long as all project M&V information is provided

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# Preparing an M&V Plan

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# Basic M&V requires less data and documentation than enhanced M&V

## BASIC M&V

- ✓ Prepared using engineering calculations (stipulated and rated values, and/or measurements) There is no requirement for on-site physical measurements
- ✓ Supporting/Reference Documents – nameplate data, DLC listings, CAGI Sheets.
- ✓ Perform mandatory QA/QC



## ENHANCED M&V

- ✓ Done using metering and monitoring (spot, short term or continuous measurements) for pre-project and post-project
- ✓ Perform mandatory QA/QC





# A good M&V Plan provides additional specifics on the project

## An M&V Plan is meant to communicate:

- ✓ The scope of the project and proposal of what to measure and how to verify savings
  - ⚙ **Basic M&V Plans:** What assumptions were made, and which values were rated/stipulated?
  - ⚙ **Enhanced M&V Plans:** What parameters are being metered and how?
- ✓ The M&V Plan should be included in the initial submission

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! *Note: Basic & Enhanced M&V's are specific to Save on Energy and are not defined in the IPMVP*

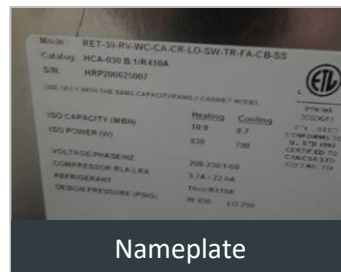
# Mandatory QA/QC will be required for projects greater than \$10k in incentive

- Large projects will be selected to provide Quality Assurance/Quality Control photo verification
- Please provide nameplate, close-ups, and long-shot photos for each piece of equipment in the application
- Please make sure photos are as legible as possible

**!** **REMEMBER:** QA/QC is not the same as M&V



Long Shot



Nameplate



Close Up



# Main sections that are required for a Basic M&V Plan

- 1 Project General Information
- 2 Energy Conservation Measures intent
- 3 Baseline: Period, energy, and conditions
- 4 Basis for Adjustment
- 5 Analysis Procedure
- 6 Report Format

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! **What needs the most attention:** Energy Conservation Measures intent, Baseline, and Analysis



# Main sections that are required for an Enhanced M&V Plan

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 Project General Information                    | 7 Analysis Procedure           |
| 2 Energy Conservation Measures intent            | 8 Energy Prices                |
| 3 Selected IPMVP Option and Measurement Boundary | 9 Meter Specifications         |
| 4 Baseline: Period, energy, conditions           | 10 Monitoring Responsibilities |
| 5 Reporting Period                               | 11 Expected Accuracy           |
| 6 Basis for Adjustment                           | 12 Budget                      |
|  | 13 Report Format               |
|  | 14 Quality Assurance           |

## LEGEND

-  Included in Basic M&V
-  Specific to Enhanced M&V

## The difference between Option A and Option B will almost always depend on the extent of measurement

IPMVP Option selected (select only one):

- ☐ Option A Retrofit Isolation: Key Parameter Measurement
- ☒ Option B Retrofit Isolation: All Parameter Measurement
- ☐ Option C Whole Facility: Utility Bill Analysis
- ☐ Option D Calibrated Simulation

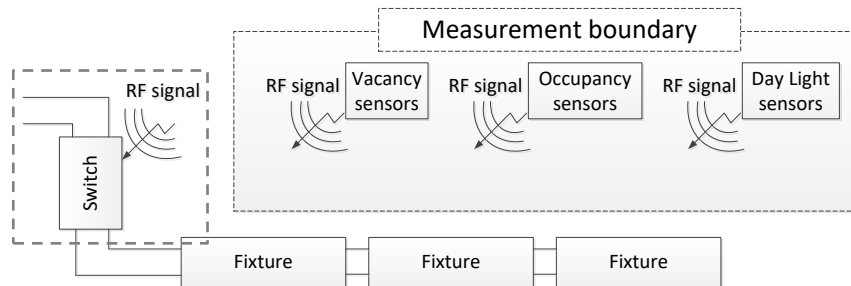
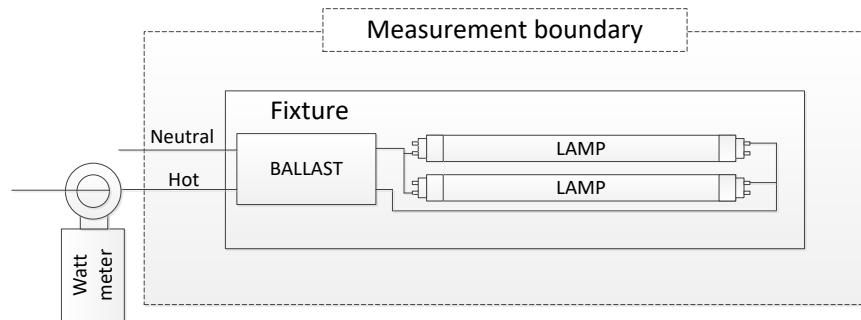
Select Option B if you are metering large amounts of data

Select Option A if you are not metering as much

Option C and D are almost never used in the Retrofit Program

# M&V requires a Measurement Boundary

- It is drawn around the Retrofit energy conservation measure to determine project savings
- The boundary can be facility-wide or specific equipment depending on project



Efficiency Valuation Organization. *Core Concepts International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol*. EVO, 2016.

# Baselines and adjustments are important to M&V



**Baseline** is the existing consumption, within the measurement boundary. This is determined in the pre-project stage, and all energy savings will be determined against the baseline.

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**Baseline Adjustment** is the set of conditions for which energy measurement will be adjusted to account for significant changes in consumption.

# Certain projects may require the savings to be discounted

Measures with a **high degree of uncertain savings** will be discounted

## EXAMPLES

**Building Automation Systems** and **Lighting Controls** are recognized as inherently uncertain; they will always receive discounted savings.

- 25% discount for savings that have a supported baseline
  - i.e., utility bills, case studies, spec sheets
- 50% discount for savings that have no supporting baseline
  - i.e., calculated baseline from nameplates of equipment



# Select and measure the parameters that best satisfy the M&V requirements

## Data Measurement Questions:

- ✓ Which/What variables to measure?
  - i.e., voltage (V), amps (A), flow (cfm), power (kW)
- ✓ How to measure the variable?
- ✓ Duration of measurements (i.e., spot measurements, continuous measurement)

The table below identifies the Project M&V Procedure to be used dependent on the Custom Measure Type and whether Basic or Enhanced M&V is required.

Table 1: Selection of M&V Procedures (Ctrl+Click to follow link)

#	Custom Measure Type	M&V Procedure	
		'Basic'	'Enhanced'
1	Lighting Retrofit	<a href="#">LR-B</a>	<a href="#">LR-E</a>
2a)	Equipment Replacement – Chillers	<a href="#">ERC-B</a>	<a href="#">ERC-E</a>
2b)	Equipment Replacement – Refrigeration	<a href="#">ERR-B</a>	<a href="#">ERR-E</a>
2c)	Equipment Replacement – Motors	<a href="#">ERM-B</a>	<a href="#">ERM-E</a>
2d)	Equipment Replacement – Air Compressors	<a href="#">ERAC-B</a>	<a href="#">ERAC-E</a>
2e)	Equipment Replacement – Aeration Blowers	-	<a href="#">ERAB-E</a>
3	HVAC Redesign	-	<a href="#">HVAC-E</a>
4	Variable Speed Drives (VSDs)	<a href="#">VSD-B</a>	<a href="#">VSD-E</a>
5	Building Envelope	<a href="#">BE-B</a>	<a href="#">BE-E</a>
6	Building Automation Systems (BAS)	<a href="#">BAS-B</a>	<a href="#">BAS-E</a>
7	Lighting Controls	<a href="#">LC-B</a>	<a href="#">LC-E</a>
8	Tenant Sub Metering (TSM)	-	<a href="#">TSM-E</a>
9	Monitoring and Targeting (M+T)	-	<a href="#">MT-E</a>
10	Other Custom Measures	-	<a href="#">OCM</a>
11	Power Conditioning Devices	-	<a href="#">PCD-E</a>

Refer to [M&V Procedures](#) for above guidelines

# Knowledge Check

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- Which of the following are components of a Basic M&V Plan AND an Enhanced M&V Plan?



# The M&V Report is developed after the completion of the project



M&V Report must be completed and reviewed **before the post-project submission is approved**



Report should follow the **Approved M&V Plan**  
Summarizing the scope and intent of the project



**Basic M&V:** Stipulated values should be accurately supported and calculated



**Enhanced M&V:** Baseline and Retrofit case consumptions should all be measured and summarized in the Report

More details will be provided during the **Oct 7** webinar, which will focus on M&V Reporting

# M&V Review Process

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# Provide complete and accurate M&V documents to achieve application Pre-Approval faster

- ✓ Upload your completed **M&V Plan** at the time of submission with your other documents
- ✓ Submitting **metered data** with M&V Plan and waiting for plan approval is recommended prior to commencing project
- ✓ Include **QA/QC photos** of your existing equipment
- ✓ Include supporting **calculations**
- ✓ Include all **regular submission documents**: quotation, specification sheets, DLC/Energy Star listings, as applicable

## TIPS:

- Reach out to a Save on Energy representative for any questions regarding metering/pre-approval timelines
- Refer to our pre-project [checklist](#) or [webinar](#) for non-M&V Pre-approval advice

# Technical reviewers are looking for specific information in an M&V Plan

- The **variables** to be measured in the post-project stage and references for **assumptions** of parameters (i.e., power factor, load factor, motor efficiency)
- **Duration** of measurements in the post- project stage – spot versus continuous measurements (i.e., 2 weeks for compressor flow cases)
- Agreeing on **baseline adjustments** in the post-project stage (reporting) of the project.
- Commitment to **provide missing data measurements** for key variables during the baseline period in the post-project stage
- Confirmation that **production/operations will remain the same** pre-project and post-project, or adjustments made if not the same



# Common M&V mistakes that slow down the review process and can be avoided

1. **Missing M&V Plan in the initial submission**
2. **Incomplete M&V Plan**
  - Missing data measurements of key variables during the baseline period (applicable for enhanced projects)
  - Missing information on which variables will be measured in the post (reporting) stage and for what time intervals
  - Missing references for the assumptions of different variables made in the calculations



# Knowledge check

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- Which of these are things will technical reviewers look for in your M&V Plan?






# M&V Plan Examples

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# Example Plans that will be covered today

## 1. Pump VFD measure

- Basic M&V 
- Incentive ( $> \$10,000$  and  $\leq \$40,000$ )



## 2. Lighting Controls measure

- Enhanced M&V 
- Incentive ( $> \$40,000$ )





# Basic M&V Plan Example

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## Pump VFD Measure



# Collect the required information to complete the Basic M&V Plan for a Pump VFD

- Determine which method of quantifying the savings suits the project best:
  - Custom calculations
  - Variable Speed Drive on Pump Engineering Worksheet – Found under [Application Documents](#)
- Motor information (best source is nameplate photos) & load factor assumption for the motor
- Operating hours and flow profile during the baseline period
- Assumed operating hours and flow profile for the post retrofit phase

**Note:** Assumptions on operating hours and flow profile will be checked for reasonableness. Therefore, data/measurements might be requested.



# Avoid these common mistakes found in Pump VFD custom calculations

1. Using 'Industry Standard' values without referencing them in Calculations or in the M&V Plan
2. Not referencing the engineering equation used for savings determination
3. Not providing model numbers of the existing and proposed equipment

! These common mistakes can be avoided when using the **Variable Speed Drive on Pump Engineering Worksheet**

## Mistakes in using Affinity Laws for VFD Projects:

- Using the theoretical Power (P) and Speed (N) relationship from the Affinity Laws

**Note:** The exponent in the theoretical formula is 3, but Reviewers typically use 2.6 to account for real-world inefficiencies

$$\frac{P_1}{P_2} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^3 \rightarrow \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^{2.6}$$



# Technical Reviewers commonly request information that is missing in M&V documents

- Reference/Explanation required for assumed **motor efficiency** and **power factor** values if different than industry standards
- Requesting the reference for engineering equations and calculations if not provided
- Reasoning/Explanation for unusual flow profiles or operating hours.
- Missing nameplate photos for motors
- Confirmation of data representing year-round operations





# Knowledge check

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- When using affinity laws, what exponent is typically considered more realistic by technical reviewers than the theoretical value of 3?






# Enhanced M&V Plan Example


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## Lighting Controls Measure




# Remember the thresholds and be sure Enhanced M&V is required

 Enhanced M&V for Lighting Controls is required for estimated incentives >\$40,000

 Fixture wattage and logged operating hours must be provided, this would fall under Option B of IPMVP and **Enhanced Lighting Controls (LC-E)** under the M&V Procedures.

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# Planning and metering process for Enhanced lighting controls

1. Create an inventory of the lamp/ballast fixture types in the scope of the project and organize them based on usage groups
2. Select IPMVP Option B and determine what to/how to meter to fulfill the metering requirements  
**E.g.**, spot metered wattage of fixtures, continuous measurements of hours
3. Determine the appropriate sample sizes for each usage group for measurement, refer to M&V procedures (**E.g.**, 6 fixtures must be measured from each category of lighting)



# Process to plan and meter for Enhanced Lighting controls

1. Create the M&V Plan and submit with Application for review

**Tip:** Refer to page 28 of [M&V Procedures](#)

2. Once the M&V Plan is approved, choose to meter during a period that is representative of normal operation

3. Meter both the fixture wattage and the hours of operation

**Tip:** For more information, refer to [M&V Procedures](#)

4. Process data and submit data to the Reviewer



## Avoid common mistakes found in lighting control application submissions

- ✓ Remember to provide detailed descriptions of locations, lamps, and operating hours
- ✓ Provide spot metered data for a sample of baseline lamps – a 10% sample size is recommended
- ✓ Provide a minimum of one week of continuous metering (recommended)
- ✓ For missing nameplate photos - disclose why they weren't provided in the submission and when they will be provided
- ✓ Provide QA/QC photos during pre-submission
- ✓ Include the M&V Plan with the pre-submission documents



# Commonly missed items in the M&V plan that Technical Reviewers will request

- 1 How was the base case verified and how will the energy-efficient case be verified?

**Tip:** Be specific in the M&V Plan on what will be measured and how

- 2 Discussions on sample sizes of usage groups with the Reviewer

**Tip:** Refer to the [M&V Procedures](#) on guidelines to determine sample sizes



## Involve suppliers and contractors to collect application-specific information and documentation

- The project will require mandatory QA/QC
  - Tip:** Ensure that photos of nameplates of base case and retrofit case are taken
- Work with contractors/suppliers to understand how to best meet the M&V requirements
  - E.g.,** metering at a circuit panel vs. individual fixtures

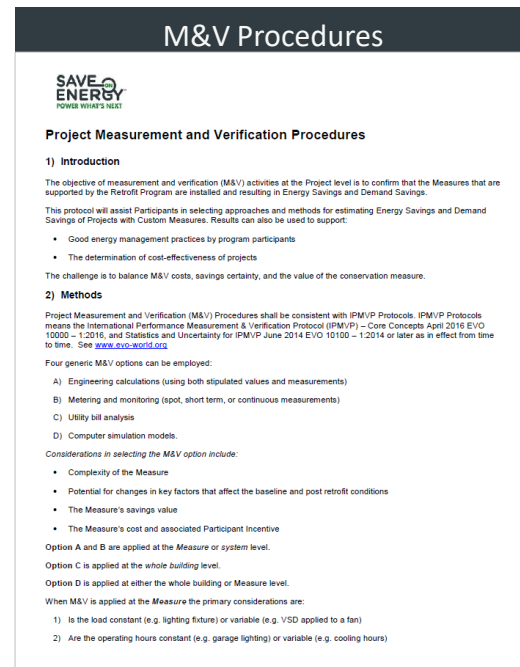


# Conclusion

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# Understanding M&V can expand your incentive options and help you meet deadlines

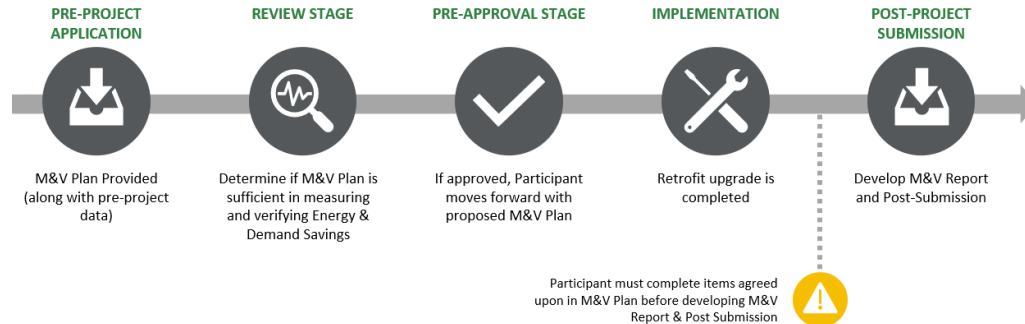
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# M&V Plan Process: Next Steps

- 1 Once the M&V Plan is completed and the application is approved, you may start your retrofit project
- 2 Preparing for the M&V Report should occur before post-project submission  
**Tip:** Certain projects require a specific amount of time to pass before post-metering can be completed (ex. 100 burn in hours for lighting retrofits)

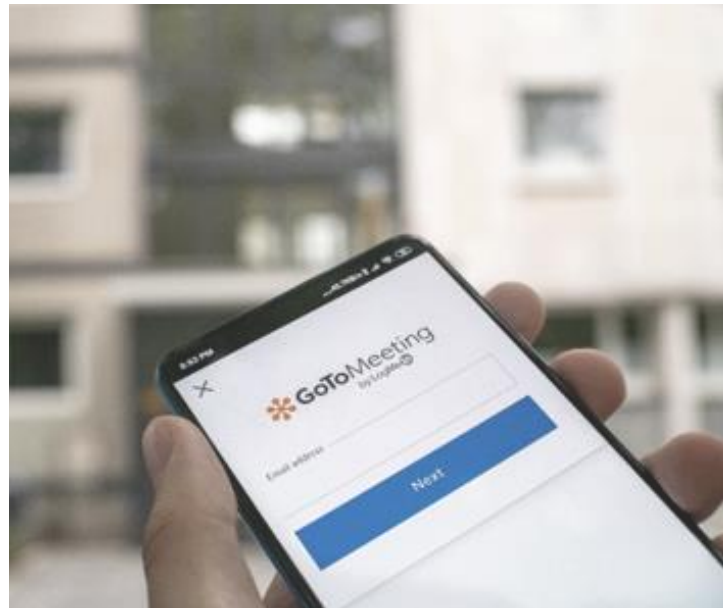


# Learn more about M&V Reporting on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

✓ Completing the M&V Plan was the scope of this webinar

»» Our next webinar will cover **M&V Reporting during the post-project stage**

@ Register for the event at <https://lnkd.in/gqcmY2u>



# Reminder of Retrofit program timelines

To be eligible for a project incentive through the Retrofit program, applications must receive pre-approval by December 31, 2020, and projects must be completed by December 31, 2021.

- Applies only to projects submitted during the Interim Framework

Achieving pre-approval includes a technical review process, which typically takes 2 – 8 weeks to complete, depending on the size and complexity of the project and completeness of the project application. **It is recommended that applications are submitted by the end of October to ensure there is sufficient time to obtain pre-approval.**

Applicant representatives are encouraged to help applicants use fast-track processes, where available, for certain projects in the prescriptive track with incentives less than \$6,000, as pre-approval can occur in one or two days

- Contact your Save on Energy representative to see if your project is eligible for the fast-track process

# Need Retrofit Assistance?

## Contact Retrofit Support Services



**Support Line:** 1-844-303-5542

Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm



**Email:** [retrofit@ieso.ca](mailto:retrofit@ieso.ca)

Tips for emails to [retrofit@ieso.ca](mailto:retrofit@ieso.ca) : Describe the issue thoroughly and illustrate with screenshots

# Thank you for participating!

Questions or Comments?

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