



Tennessee Solar for All Program - Stakeholder Meeting
TDEC Office of Energy Programs (OEP)
July 25, 2025

Agenda

- Program Status and Updates
 - EPA's Technical Assistance Program for SFA Recipients
 - EPA Reporting
 - Program Design and Solicitation
 - Workforce Development
- Timeline
- Upcoming Events

Program Status and Updates

- OEP continues to meet monthly with the EPA Project Officer (PO).
- EPA released the Solar for All Household Savings Best Practices document on 07/11/2025.
- TN's scope of work under EPA's TA program (NREL is EPA's TA implementer) was approved on 07/23/2025. Key tasks have been scheduled to support and align with the OEP program schedule, and include the following activities:
 - Consumer Education and Outreach Materials
 - Project Evaluation and Scoring Tool
 - Decision-Support Matrix for Solar Ownership Models
 - Siting, Zoning, Permitting and Code Guidance
 - Workforce Development

Program Status and Updates – EPA Reporting

- Semi-Annual Report
 - Next report due by 07/30/2025.
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP):
 - OEP continues to coordinate with the EPA PO and EPA Quality Assurance Manager (QAM) to adequately incorporate elements of the recently provided Household Savings Best Practices guidance and the previously provided Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Distributed Energy Calculator.
 - The QAPP must be in place (reviewed and approved by EPA) by October 30, 2025, and/or before environment information (EI) is produced and recorded.
 - EPA set the new program-wide deadline to coincide with the next scheduled Task and Project Level Report which is due 10/30/2025.

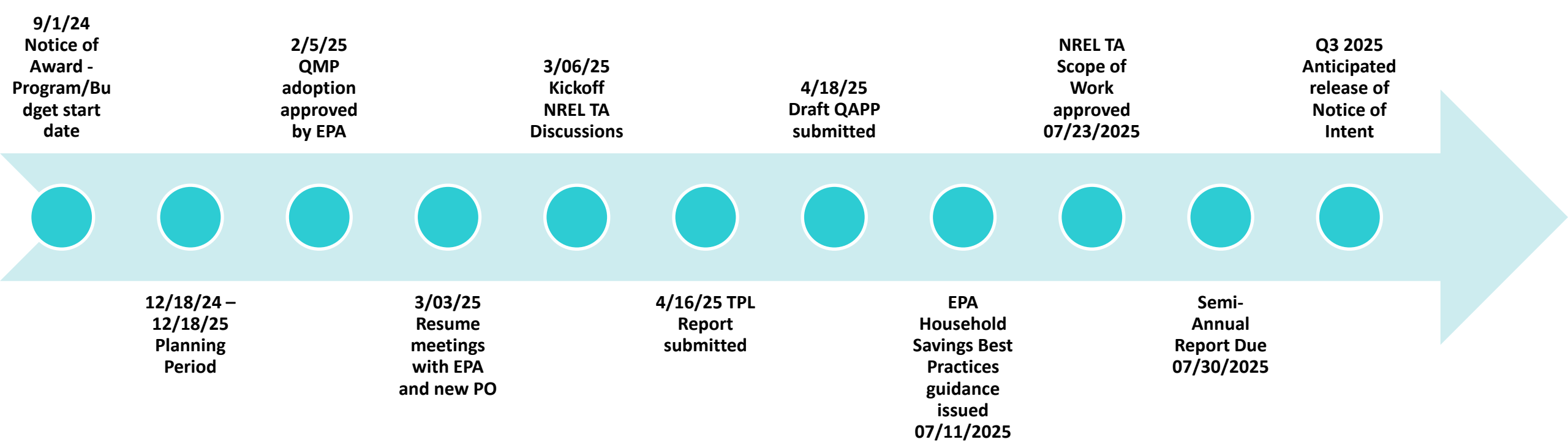
Program Status and Updates – Design & Solicitation

- OEP continues to design the Tennessee Solar for All Program offerings, which will be further informed by the EPA guidance released earlier this month and the EPA-provided TA.
 - Prior to the release of the full funding solicitation, OEP will release a Notice of Intent (NOI).
 - The purpose of the NOI is to provide a general understanding of the intent and framework of the SFA program, basic program and applicant requirements, and the proposed timeline of the program solicitation and selection process in advance of the full solicitation.
 - The NOI will be released approximately one to two months prior to the full solicitation.
 - The full solicitation is anticipated to be released by early fall.

Program Status and Updates – Workforce Development

- SFA Program workforce development activities will be funded separately from solar and solar + storage projects.
- OEP continues to evaluate workforce development needs and opportunities.
- OEP will continue to coordinate with the State Fire Marshal's Office to explore and address topics such as:
 - existing training and certifications for electrical and building codes inspectors;
 - relevant topic areas for the development of new training materials and resources to support industry and regulatory needs;
 - avenues to effectively and widely distribute information on training opportunities;
 - consistency of trainings and certifications across varied jurisdictions; and
 - opportunities for collaboration across sectors (industry, local power companies, academic and trade institutions, State and local governments, etc.).

Timeline



Upcoming Events

UT Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy & Public Affairs Southeast Energy Policy Forum

- **August 5-6**, Knoxville
- [Southeast Energy Policy Forum - Baker School](#)

Tennessee Solar Energy Industry Association 2025 Solar + Storage Conference

- **October 29-30** in Nashville
- <https://tenneseiasolar.com/conference/>