

## 1989 National Evaluation of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

In 1990, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) sponsored a comprehensive evaluation of its Weatherization Assistance Program [link the underlined to <http://energy.gov/eere/wipo/weatherization-assistance-program>], the nation's largest residential energy conservation program. Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) managed the evaluation, which was based mainly on data collected from the 1989 Program Year (PY) and supplemented by data from 1991-1992.

The evaluation concluded that the Program was meeting the objective of its enabling legislation and fulfilling its mission statement. Specifically, the Program was found to save energy, lower fuel bills, and improve the health and safety of dwellings occupied by low-income people. In addition, the evaluation demonstrated that the Program was achieving its mission in a cost-effective manner. The evaluation estimated that the investments made in 1989 would, over a 20-year lifetime, save the equivalent of 12 million barrels of oil, roughly the amount of oil added to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in each of the years in the early 1990s.

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