# NRDC TV Energy Efficiency Research 

TV International Stakeholder Meeting

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## Little information on TV power use



## What test methods are available?

|  | Measures <br> black and <br> white CRTs | Measures <br> color CRTs | Measures <br> new display <br> types | Reflects real <br> world power <br> consumption |
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| DOE <br> method | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| JEITA <br> method | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| IEC 62087 | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |

## Our Field Test Method

- Measured TV power use in retail setting with WattsUp? Pro power meter
- Used showroom screen settings
- Measured average power over 2 minutes using standard test clip
- Digital Video Essentials video clip used as reference material





## How do we fairly gauge efficiency in TVs?



## Different Trends for Different Technologies



Room for efficiency improvements in all technologies


## Future technologies provide hope of increased efficiency



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## What have we learned?

- TV models of given size can vary widely in power consumption while providing similar resolution picture even for models of the same screen technology
- Direct view display technologies follow a similar efficiency trend; no one technology today stands out as efficient or inefficient
- Projection display technologies follow a separate efficiency trend due to fixed power consumption of projection bulbs
- Wide spread in efficiency means opportunity to encourage most efficient models
- Demand for an active mode test method


## Power use can vary significantly based on image displayed




## Bright showroom settings affect power consumption in many TVs



## Screen settings can even affect new LCD TVs with backlight controls


~ 14\% range in power use observed

## How to feed the signal?



HDMI


## Resolution of test signal can matter


$5 \%-10 \%$ increase in power consumption using digital signals

## What is a good TV test method?

- Easy to Conduct
- A trained technician should be able to quickly and easily perform the test
- Reproducible
- Test setup should be clear enough that results do not vary with lab or technician
- Robust
- Can measure all types of TVs, regardless of display technology (CRT, LCD, PDP, etc.)
- No significant changes in test procedure would be required for future technologies
- Representative
- Should indicate real world power consumption of TV


## Questions?

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