

**SWS Variance Request Form
(complete one form for each request)**

Proposed State Standard	<i>Evaporative coolers will not be assessed or diagnosed in the Montana Weatherization Assistance Program.</i>
Relevant SWS(s)	<i>5.3003.8 (a-c)</i>
Objective of Relevant SWS	<i>Ensure all components of evaporative coolers function properly</i>
Difference between Proposed and SWS Language	<i>The SWS appears to require that evaporative coolers are assessed, diagnosed, and maintained if present in a client's home. The state of Montana does not include evaporative coolers in the Wx Assistance Program.</i>
Specific Conditions Where Variance will Apply	<i>Any time an evaporative cooler is present</i>
Reasoning/Justification (Include supporting technical materials as appropriate)	<i>Evaporative coolers are uncommon and not considered necessary in MT. The state is a cold climate that has between 7,200 and 9,000 heating degree days. Working on Evaporative Coolers takes money away from necessary services.</i>

DOE Review Notes:

Required Signatures:

Marcia Lemon
Grantee Representative submitting request

5/12/2015
Date

Kelly Cutchin
DOE Technical Approval

5/15/15
Date