American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Impacts to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program

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Executive Summary

The ARRA does not include the LIEAP program. Prior to the current heating season (which began on October 1, 2008), the federal LIEAP budget was increased from approximately \$7 million to \$14 million.

Policy and Implementation Issues

None

Funding Issues

LIEAP funds are available to the State as a reimbursement. The funds provide the State with more spending authority.