



Minnesota Geothermal Heat Pump Association

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[Dear Editor:]

The Minnesota Geothermal Heat Pump Association (MNGHPA) is advising consumers that the 30% Tax Credit for geothermal and solar will be expiring in 2016.

Consumers should be aware that the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 (H.R. 1424), which offers a onetime tax credit of 30% of the total investment for homeowners who install geothermal heat pumps is set to expire on December 31, 2016.

The expiring tax credit is expected to drive up demand for geothermal this year and into next. There are a limited number of qualified installers and loop contractors in the Minnesota geothermal market. Consumers should be advised that if demand were to exceed the market's current installation resources, then some systems may not get placed in service before the 12/31/2016 deadline.

The MNGHPA is cautioning consumers to look out for unqualified installers who may enter the market as demand increases. It also recommends that consumers use installers who are already qualified as members of the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association and the MNGHPA. To find a qualified geothermal professional in your area, visit the MNGHPA "Find a Pro" site at: <http://mnghpa.org/find-a-pro/>