



## Weatherization Program Bulletin 24-3

Effective Date: October 24, 2024

**Subject:** Mandate of the use of grid tape and UL labeled mastic for all ductwork sealing applications completed as part of the Nebraska Weatherization Assistance Program (NeWAP).

**Purpose:** As per the Department of Energy (DOE) Monitoring Assessment dated 09/24/2024, Action Items -Technical *Open Finding*:

*Field observation identified Grantee monitors were not adequately enforcing Grantee policy and procedures. The Technical Project Officer observed agencies using foil tape on ducts instead of mesh tape and mastic per DOE Standard Work Specifications (SWS) and the Grantee's Field Guide. The use of foil tape was also identified as a concern from the DOE 2017 onsite monitoring. WPN 22-4, Quality Work Plan Requirement Update defines what constitutes a quality installation of weatherization measures, outlines how those measures are inspected and validated, and prescribes acceptable training and credentialing of workers. Grantee monitors noted they allow foil tape as a standard practice and were aware that it was not in line with their DOE approved Field Guide.*

Following discussions with the DOE Technical Team NDEE was notified that no foil tape, including UL181 listed products, will be considered in compliance with the requirements of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Standard Work Specifications (SWS).

**Scope:** The provisions of this WPB apply to all NeWAP Sub-grantees that receive financial assistance through the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) under the Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program.

**Procedures:**

As indicated in the "Effective Date" of this WPB, NeWAP Subgrantees are to ensure that their crews, contractors, auditors and quality control inspectors are aware of the grid tape and mastic requirement.

Sub-grantees with questions regarding this guidance can contact the NDEE Grants Section Supervisor Katie Svoboda 402-471-3347 or [ndee@weatherization.gov](mailto:ndee@weatherization.gov)