

Introduction

NLPIP is often called “the *Consumer Reports* of lighting products.” The program investigates and tests the latest lighting technologies to help professionals, contractors, designers, building managers, homeowners, and other consumers find and effectively use efficient, quality products that meet their lighting needs. To maintain objectivity, NLPIP does not accept funding from manufacturers. NLPIP is operated at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Lighting Research Center (LRC). Since NLPIP’s inception in 1990, over one million of its reports have been distributed.

Testing

NLPIP investigates lighting technologies that are new to the commercial market or otherwise topical. Team members are LRC researchers who are leading experts in lighting technologies and human factors. The program’s testing laboratory is NIST NVLAP accredited (NVLAP lab code: 200480-0). Tests are conducted according to accepted industry procedures when they exist, and developed by NLPIP when they are not available or applicable.



National Lighting Product Information Program

Publications

NLPIP provides manufacturer-specific performance data so readers can evaluate claims about lighting technology. Investigations emphasize information that is not available or is not easily accessible from other sources. NLPIP has published the results of about 50 studies thus far.



Specifier Reports. Results of testing with information on technology, applications, and products.



Lighting Answers. An explanation of new lighting technologies or topics.



Lighting Diagnostics. Field investigations of lighting products not performing as expected.

Sponsorship

Program sponsors have a seat on the advisory board and direct NLPIP on the products and topics to be evaluated, and they have access to test results before reports are made available to the public. NLPIP sponsorship is \$50,000 per year for level one (one vote on the board) and \$100,000 per year for level two (two votes on the board).

Manufacturers are not eligible to sponsor NLPIP.



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