



U.S. Energy Group introduces USE Manager 5.1 building portfolio monitoring system

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U.S. Energy Group announced a new version of the USE Manager online monitoring system. The new USE Manager 5.1 brings increased alerting capabilities and improved functionality. Building portfolio managers can drive their properties to peak fuel-savings efficiency with email alerts tailored for each individual building and an even easier interface that provides a consolidated "at-a-glance" daily overview of all critical heating system functions and fuel delivery alerts. The new USE Manager integrates information from the USE Controller Energy Management System (EMS) and the patented USE Verifier Digital Fuel Gauge.

With thousands of USE Controller Energy Management Systems (EMS) and USE Verifier Digital Fuel Gauges in the field, U.S. Energy Group listened to the experiences and concerns of building managers and developed a system that matches their monitoring "wish-list." USE Manager provides building owners and managers with easily accessible, usable information and with the control they need to reduce fuel-use and save money.

"Our customers asked for these new features and we developed them," said Jerry Pindus, CEO of U.S. Energy Group. "The result is the enhanced ability to drive efficiency, drive fuel savings and prove results!"

The uniquely designed USE Manager online monitoring program allows the user to have quick and easy access to heating system and fuel use information. Users can create alert threshold-triggers and make maintenance and repair assignments. And, the system employs a host of other time and money-saving features.

New Version 5.1 Features

- * Managers receive a top-level view of all critical daily alert conditions and can easily drill down within the same view if more information is needed.
- * The newly designed quick-monitoring system notifies managers, supers, and/or their pre-assigned vendors of critical alert conditions. The system alerts to over-heating or under-heating issues, domestic hot water temperatures, system bypass and water loss, and the alerts are sent several times daily.
- * Alert thresholds can be established on a per building basis, custom tailored to individual building systems and different building operating philosophies.
- * Critical alerts can be quickly assigned to others for action, both within and outside the organization. Managers can track current alert status on an ongoing basis to ensure that action has been taken.
- * One priority efficiency alert, long boiler run-time, is now automatically triggered when a building falls into the highest chosen percentile of all 3,000 buildings monitored by USE Manager - for example, the top 20% of longest running boilers.
- * The new USE Manager 5.1 also now fully integrates USE Verifier Digital Fuel Gauge Alerts. The

Verifier double-checks to prevent "short" oil deliveries and provides low fuel warnings. The Verifier module also allows managers to track inventory, track daily fuel use, and compare fuel use to prior periods -- by degree-days, by units and by square footage.

USE Manager is an essential tool for building managers interested in saving fuel and money and driving their buildings to peak operating efficiency. And, the system provides the proof that they have done it.

The entire U.S. Energy Group product system (USE Manager, USE Controller EMS, USE Verifier Digital Fuel Gauge, and the USE Tracker Program) is available from U.S. Energy Group and its authorized agents.

Additional information is available at: www.use-group.com.

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