

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Number** 

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**Project Title** 

**Showering: More Heat with Less Water** 

#### **Abstract**

# **Objectives/Goals**

My objective is to indentify the key aspects of a showerhead design that transfers the maximum amount of heat to the body using the least amount of water.

#### Methods/Materials

The materials used in this project were, funnel, hose, thermometer, plastic bag, fifteen showerheads, and timer.

#### Procedures:

- 1. Fifteen showerheads were timed to see how long six gallons took to spray. A plastic bag of 90 degrease water was then hung twelve inches away from the shower in a position that the shower hit when running.
- 2. Each showerhead sprayed out six gallons of water, hitting the bag when running. The shower sprayed water at 110 degreases.
- 3. After six gallons have been sprayed out, the temperature of the bag was recorded to see how much the temperature of the bag rose.

#### Results

Showerheads numbers 2, 6, 7, and 15 had the best GMP per temperature increase.

### **Conclusions/Discussion**

Based on this experiment, it appears that showerheads that spray droplets of water in random patterns tend to transfer more heat with less water.

## **Summary Statement**

By using a showerhead with the key aspects identify in this experiment, less water will be wasted by taking showers, even by changing something as little as a showerhead can really help conserve water.

### Help Received

Dad helped edit papers. Mom helped with board.