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Mr. Karney,

I have reviewed the recommendations on the 3 and 4 zone alternatives for the Energy Star Program. As a vinyl window manufacturer that sells products from Detroit to Charlotte, I am very interested in the choice that is being made here.

We currently use both pyrolytic LowE and Sputtered LOE2 products to better service our customers according to their regional climates. We believe pyrolytic LowE is best used in the north zones and sputtered LOE2 is best used in southern zones. Our research, although very elementary compared to yours, shows us this is true.

Our recommendation is that we use a 4-zone approach to the Energy Star Program regarding windows and skylights. It just seems to make more sense to use the method which saves the most energy when you are setting the criteria for an Energy Savings program.

Sincerely,

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