



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear Commercial Dishwasher Manufacturer or Other Industry Stakeholder:

It is my pleasure to present you with a Draft 1 ENERGY STAR Specification for Commercial Dishwashers for your review and comment. This draft is the result of EPA's conversations with various members of the commercial dishwasher industry over the last few months and the collection of data and information on the models currently available in the marketplace.

ENERGY STAR is a voluntary, public-private partnership. More than 1,500 manufacturers currently participate in the program, qualifying over 35,000 product models across 40 product categories, including a broad array of consumer electronics and information technology products. A complete list of ENERGY STAR products can be found at www.energystar.gov. More than 60% of Americans nationwide recognize the label, with 30% of households reporting that they knowingly purchased a qualified product within the past year.

The ENERGY STAR program benefits partners by benefiting their customers. Last year alone, with the help of ENERGY STAR, Americans saved \$12 billion dollars on their energy bills and prevented 35 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions – equivalent to the emissions of 23 million cars.

The Draft 1 specification outlines the proposed efficiency requirements that high and low temperature commercial under counter, single tank door type, and single tank conveyor dishwashers would need to meet in order to earn the ENERGY STAR. **EPA will be hosting a stakeholder meeting during the National Restaurant Association Show on May 22, 2006 to discuss the Draft 1 specification in greater detail.** If you would like to participate in this meeting, please RSVP by Friday, May 12th to Charles Anderson, ICF International, at (202) 862-1586 or canderson@icfi.com. In addition, ENERGY STAR representatives will be attending the NRA Show Sunday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 23. If you are unable to attend the stakeholder meeting but would like discuss the specification, please contact us to confirm schedules and make the appropriate arrangements.

The exchange of ideas and information among EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. In addition to attending the meeting, you are strongly encouraged to provide written feedback to EPA. Please send your comments to Charles Anderson at canderson@icfi.com by **June 2, 2006**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site unless the submitter requests that their

comments remain confidential. If you support the Draft 1 specification, please state this in writing or via email. It is equally important that EPA understand which portions of the draft specification meet with stakeholder approval, in addition to identifying the sections that may need further revision.

To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR specification for commercial dishwashers, visit the Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment and click on "New Product Specifications in Development" on the right navigation bar.

Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification. I look forward to working with you over the next few months. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9124 or via e-mail at schmeltz.rachel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Schmeltz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Rachel Schmeltz
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