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Dear Commercial Griddle Manufacturer or Other Interested Stakeholder:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to present the Draft 2 Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR Commercial Griddle specification. This latest proposal was developed based on: feedback provided during the ENERGY STAR stakeholder meeting held on February 4, 2009; additional written comments submitted to EPA following the meeting; and subsequent discussions with various industry experts and manufacturers.

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the following changes to the Version 1.0 specification:

- The idle energy rate for gas griddles was increased from 2,600 Btu/h per ft² to 2,650 per ft².
- Clarification is provided in regards to measuring the area of the bottom cooking surface now defined as splashguard to splashguard and splashguard to grease trough, for purposes of normalizing idle energy rate.
- The idle energy rate proposed for electric griddles continues to be 320 watts/ft². As part of the comment process, manufacturers are encouraged to submit data on **standard efficiency griddles** to assist EPA in determining a level that best represents the top 25% performers in the marketplace.
- Manufacturers may qualify double-sided griddles with partial top platens (i.e., < 90% coverage from side to side) for ENERGY STAR as long as the unit is tested, and meets the requirements, as a single sided griddle. In addition, all griddles sold with optional add-on top platens (full or partial) must be tested and qualify for ENERGY STAR as a single-sided unit.
- Manufacturers can test and submit results for a representative 3' griddle to qualify a product family for ENERGY STAR. If that product family includes a 2' unit, the manufacturer must test and qualify that unit separately.
- For models that offer different griddle plates, all of these options must meet the specification requirements for the model to qualify as ENERGY STAR. An alternative proposal would be to require manufacturers to assign unique model numbers for each griddle plate option.
- A new effective date of May 1, 2009 is proposed to allow manufacturers the opportunity to promote qualifying models at the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show, May 16 – 19, 2009.

More details regarding EPA's rationale for proposing these changes are included in note boxes found throughout the document. The Draft 2 specification also revisits several of the topics discussed during the February 4 stakeholder meeting that did not result in specific revisions to the specification requirements.

Comment Submittal Process

The exchange of ideas and information among EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. As such, you are strongly encouraged to provide written feedback to EPA. Please send your comments and any supporting performance data to Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com by **April 3, 2009**.

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 2 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 developing the ENERGY STAR specification for commercial griddles, visit the Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment (Click on "New Specifications Under Development").

Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or via e-mail at kent.christopher@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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