

***Uspar Enterprises comments on the Final Draft Version 4.1 ENERGY STAR  
Specification for Residential Light Fixtures,  
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I recently had a chance to read over the new proposed specs for Energy Star 4.1. There are no major changes from what it seems from the previous years and that will definitely be a help in maintaining standards and continuing the benefits of previous programs. I believe that each of the items on the specs is an important attribute to the program and each has a benefit to all stakeholders except one. The item that is a concern to me is correlated color temperature.

The inclusion of this item limits the benefit for the "end user" and will therefore limit the overall benefit. Many consumers are not willing to use fluorescent fixtures and replacement lamps because they do not like the color of the bulb. If consumers find the option of being able to choose from different color temperatures while still buying Energy Star product it will make their decision easier and therefore benefit the program. This item is also a burden for manufacturers as it becomes difficult to test many different color temperatures and therefore the selection to the end user becomes limited.

It would be beneficial if this item was revised to further the benefit to all parties, and to allow consumers the freedom the color that suites them best. After all these are the freedoms we are accustomed to in our great country.

Regards,

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