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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Computer Monitor Partners and Other Interested Parties:

As you are aware, EPA has been developing over the course of several months an integrated computer monitor test methodology to measure power consumption in on, sleep, and off modes. Following the industry meeting in April 2002, EPA provided interested stakeholders with several opportunities to comment on the test methodology, which is designed to be comprehensive and produce repeatable results. We feel the test methodology reflects many of the comments we received and is ready for broad distribution.

The purpose of this letter is to provide for your evaluation the computer monitor test methodology, along with a summary of the methodology development process (*ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Test Methodology: Development Summary*). I would also like to take this opportunity to update you in terms of the next steps anticipated in the computer monitor specification revision process.

We welcome any comments you might have in terms of streamlining the test methodology or clarifying the language. To the extent it is feasible for your evaluation to include product testing, we encourage you to submit your test results using the attached ENERGY STAR computer monitor test data sheet (Word and Excel versions provided). Per your evaluation, EPA encourages the submission of test data for as many different product models, with their varying product features, as possible. This will aid in the development of a specification that is truly representative of the products available in the marketplace. EPA intends to aggregate all data received and use it only in support of the ENERGY STAR computer monitor specification revision process. **Data received by April 11, 2003 will be considered.**

The anticipated next steps in the ENERGY STAR computer monitor specification revision process are as follows:

- Industry representatives to test their latest computer monitor models using the attached ENERGY STAR computer monitor test methodology
- Industry to submit power consumption data to EPA (by April 11, 2003)
- EPA to aggregate and analyze power consumption data
- EPA to release a second draft of the ENERGY STAR computer monitor specification, incorporating performance levels informed by available data

- EPA to host an industry meeting to elicit feedback on the second draft of the ENERGY STAR computer monitor specification (April/May timeframe)

As always, EPA appreciates your comments during this specification revision process. Please direct any comments, questions, or test data to me at Hershberg.Craig@epa.gov. I can also be reached at 202-564-1251. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Hershberg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Craig Hershberg, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR for Consumer Electronics and Office Equipment

Attachments:

Computer Monitor Test Methodology

ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Test Methodology: Development Summary

ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Test Data Sheet (Word and Excel versions)