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Mr. Richard H. Karnery, P. E., Manager  
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Washington, D.C. 20685

Dear Rich:

AFG understands and supports the need for Energy Star to remain dynamic, as well as flexible, in achieving it's goal of energy reduction through the use of fenestration products. We have been a supporter of the program since it's inception and have actively participated in the discussions of the parameters considered for qualification of products.

The program has proposed two [2] alternatives for revision. The first proposal or the three- [3] zone map was previously considered in 2002 and was not accepted. This proposal does not produce the greatest year round national energy savings. The four [4] zone map, however does produce the greatest year round national energy savings as was stated in the DOE Decision Factors: Options for new Energy Star Criteria for Windows, Doors, and Skylights - letter of February 11, 2003.

AFG Industries, Inc. supports the four- [4] zone map alternative and recommends that the DOE use this alternative for changes to the criteria. This alternative allows a broader range of products and technologies to be available to the industry that in turn allows a diverse product selection from which the consumer can chose a product.

Total national energy savings should be the measurement used in determining the criteria that will be used in Energy Star. We all are interested in providing the best program for the individual consumer regardless of where ever they live in the United States. The four- [4] zone alternative will make this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tom'.

Thomas J. Mewbourne  
Director Technical Service