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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Commercial Refrigerator and Freezer Partner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomes your input on the following Draft 2 Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers specification. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments to EPA no later than September 13, 2013.

Since the release of Draft 1, EPA has had numerous productive conversations with stakeholders, as a group and individually, allowing the Agency to more fully explain the proposal. Although written comments were limited, they did prompt EPA to re-examine the proposed efficiency performance levels and make modest adjustments to accommodate a broader selection of qualifying sub-type products.

Remaining important discussion topics are highlighted in note boxes located throughout the draft specification. The comments received during Draft 1 and the data plots are posted to the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

The Draft 2 Version 3.0 specification includes the following key changes from the Draft 1 Version 3.0 specification:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>: EPA has made some minor edits to existing definitions, in addition to the removal of the Mixed Solid/Transparent Door Cabinet definition to avoid redundancy. To further clarify product eligibility, EPA has also introduced a definition for Convertible Temperature Equipment.
- <u>Maximum Daily Energy Consumption Requirement</u>: Modest adjustments have been made to the proposed maximum daily energy consumption (MDEC) performance criteria in an effort to improve selection of ENERGY STAR refrigerators and freezers in key sub-categories, and to improve continuity of the performance curves.

Comments on the Draft 2 specification may be submitted no later than September 13, 2013. Please email comments to <u>commercialrefrigeration@energystar.gov</u>. All comments received will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development webite, unless the submitter specifically requests that his or her comments remain confidential.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Commercial Refrigeration specification and to review comments, please visit the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs and click on "Commercial Refrigerator and Freezers."

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR. Please contact me at (202) 343-9046 or <u>kent.christopher@epa.gov</u> or Adam Spitz, of ICF International at (202) 862-1226 or <u>adam.spitz@icfi.com</u> with any questions or comments regarding this specification revision. For questions relating to the test method, please contact Ashley Armstrong at <u>ashley.armstrong@ee.doe.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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