

## Comments Via E-mail From Heather West, Whirlpool Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised proposal for the New Guidelines for ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes.

Whirlpool Corporation agrees with the EPA conclusion in its comments that non-construction items should be included and that "requiring builders to include some level of ENERGY STAR qualified products in homes that earn the label is an important first step towards raising their awareness to the availability of such products and to increase consumer awareness of the brand".

Also, Whirlpool thanks the EPA for including home appliances in its ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes category, "Lighting and Appliances". This inclusion will help the U.S. meet its goal of decreasing energy use.

Whirlpool Corporation looks forward to working with the EPA in the future to revise the guidelines, if appropriate, so that appliances are provided for in a separate category receiving more attention from builders since there is a great potential for even more energy savings if more Energy Star appliances are used.