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Ms. Bailey,

The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient Program products for 2015 were recently released. Many AAMA Skylight Manufacturer Members, their Distributors and Suppliers are frustrated to find that ENERGY STAR qualified skylights have again been excluded from participating in this important product recognition program.

The Most Efficient program has been designed and marketed to highlight, for environmentally minded consumers, the most efficient ENERGY STAR products available. This type of invaluable recognition must also be extended to skylight products that have proudly and actively participated in the ENERGY STAR program for multiple years, especially in light of the accelerating uptake by the market of the Most Efficient Program.

Additionally, the inclusion of windows, and exclusion of skylights, presents a unique product bias at the consumer level. Applying the Most Efficient label to one daylighting product category, but not to others, creates the impression that other product manufacturers do not have the capacity to create and market a product meeting the aggressive ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria that this targeted consumer segment demands. That is definitely not the case with skylights.

Highly efficient skylights are currently available - and the necessary steps to include these products in the Most Efficient program should now begin. We request that a rapid timeline be developed to assure manufacturers of EPA's intent to include highly-efficient, energy saving skylight products into this program during 2014 or beginning in 2015.

AAMA Staff and our skylight manufacturer members are ready to assist EPA in all aspects of developing this program.

Thank you.

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