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Dear ENERGY STAR Lighting Manufacturing Partners, Energy Efficiency Program Sponsors and Stakeholders:

On September 30, 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a new agreement designed to enhance the ENERGY STAR Program and facilitate better coordination between the two agencies. Anticipated enhancements to the products labeling program include expanded coverage, more timely specification updates, enhanced efforts on product testing, and a new effort to recognize super efficient products. The new agreement also lays out clear roles and responsibilities for the agencies, and creates a Governing Council, headed by the EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation and the DOE Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The Council will guide, coordinate, and oversee annual budget requests, annual program plans, and future changes to key program elements. Highlights of the agreement are attached.

No later than November 30, 2009, DOE and EPA will release a more detailed proposal outlining anticipated ENERGY STAR program enhancements for 2010, including a proposed approach for integrating various elements of the ENERGY STAR lighting program. Among other things, it is EPA's intention to streamline the qualification process and paperwork related to ENERGY STAR qualification of lighting products, as part of the process of integrating potentially duplicative and overlapping specifications. Please note that it is also EPA's intention to retain key elements of the DOE-developed ENERGY STAR specifications for Solid State Lighting and Integral LED Lamps, including testing according to the IES LM-79 standard, as appropriate. The process to integrate the lighting specifications will be consistent with ENERGY STAR Guiding Principles, and open to partner and stakeholder review through a series of public comment periods resulting in final version(s) that go into effect after sufficient transition time. Until this task is complete, partners will continue to be able to qualify products using existing specifications and contracting support to the ENERGY STAR Program.

EPA wishes to thank partners and stakeholders in advance for their participation in these processes to further strengthen the ENERGY STAR Program. Please contact me at any time with questions or concerns: (202) 343-9272, or baker.alex@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Baker".

Alex Baker
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