From: James Bridegum
To: ENERGYSTARVerificationProgram@energystar.gov;
Subject: RE: ENERGY STAR Final Draft Certification and Verification Requirements
Date: Monday, August 02, 2010 2:45:52 PM

Gentlemen;

My original objections will be withdrawn as long as laboratories like BR Laboratories, which just notified us that it obtained its 1725 certification in July, are accepted to do DOE testing. I firmly believe we must have a choice of laboratories to keep the charges competitive.

Yours truly,

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Gentlemen:

I don't think that you really want feed back because it appears that you've already decided what single laboratory will do all of your DOE Water Heater Energy Star Testing. Smaller laboratories that we have used for years such as BR Laboratories in California and Gas Consultants in Ohio which have both done reliable and honest testing for CEC, ASHRAE Standards, and SCAQMD for years will all be forced out of the business unless they are able to charge us exorbitant amounts for such testing. Our company which has only a very small percentage of the U S residential market will not be able to afford such charges and we will have no choice other than to use the same monopolistic laboratory that all of the other companies use. This will of course eliminate a few more small businesses and put a few more people out of work, but you will add to your prestige and perhaps you can hire more government workers to administer the program. The end result of course will be that the single laboratory that you select to do your testing will be able to eventually double or triple its charges for such testing.

In conclusion, I want to say that DOE has gone from one extreme to the other. After having done absolutely nothing for years, you've decided to go completely in the opposite direction and your decision will end up requiring consumers to pay a lot more for water heaters.

Yours truly,

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From: EPA ENERGY STAR [mailto:ENERGYSTARVerificationProgram@energystar.gov]
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Please find attached to this email an important memorandum from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Also attached is EPA's Final Draft Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Certification Bodies for the ENERGY STAR Program.

EPA welcomes your feedback on the Final Draft Certification and Verification Requirements by August 6, 2010.

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