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Ann Bailey, Chief
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Re: Comments for Final Draft Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Certification Bodies
for the ENERGY STAR Program

Dear Ms. Bailey:

We, Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA) would like to thank for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Final Draft Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Certification Bodies for the ENERGY STAR Program.

We propose that EPA should not limit recognition to the CBs that have a substantial North America presence.

A lot of products to be labeled ENERGY STAR mark are designed and manufactured in other than North America such as Asia. We suppose that CBs, EPA-recognized laboratory and manufacturer (partner) would be better to locate in the same country in order to maintain a close working relationship and the integrity of the ENERGY STAR mark.

Your kind consideration of this comment would be sincerely appreciated.

Truly yours,

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