



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Stakeholder:

Over the past two years, significant and rapid changes to the ENERGY STAR products program have been implemented. Last January, a third-party certification requirement went into effect across all 60 product categories. Verification testing of ENERGY STAR qualified products has expanded dramatically. And since early 2010, more than 30 product specification revisions have been initiated.

EPA last formalized a detailed description of the principles underlying the ENERGY STAR products program in 2003. Given the significant changes and expansion of the program over the past several years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks to re-affirm the government's longstanding commitment to the core ENERGY STAR program principles that have made it successful. These include a focus on products that meet the highest energy conservation standards without sacrifice in performance or functionality. They are grounded in transparency and a collaborative relationship with industry and other stakeholders.

With this letter, the Agency launches a process to engage partners in an update of the Vision and Guiding Principles document, consistent with the evolution of the program since the original document was developed.

Stakeholders interested in providing input are encouraged to contact us and/or submit comments or questions to EnergystarProducts@energystar.gov no later than February 22, 2012.

Sincerely,

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