

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



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Dear Pre-Rinse Spray Valve Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

As you may know, on July 25, 2005, Congress passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which, among many other things, set a Federal minimum efficiency standard for pre-rinse spray valves at 1.6 gallons per minute, the precise level that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was proposing for ENERGY STAR[®]. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that due to Congress's actions, EPA will no longer pursue an ENERGY STAR specification for pre-rinse spray valves. However, we will continue to monitor the market for this product and may reevaluate our decision in the future if the market changes. In addition, EPA will continue to promote efficient pre-rinse spray valves in our marketing to the foodservice industry.

We thank you for your participation in the ENERGY STAR specification development process for pre-rinse spray valves. We hope that you will continue to follow the developments of the ENERGY STAR program and participate in any activities that are of interest to you and your organization.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at schmeltz.rachel@epa.gov or 202-343-9124.

Sincerely,

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