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Dear Commercial Griddle Manufacturer or Other Industry Stakeholder:

I am pleased to inform you that the ENERGY STAR[®] Commercial Griddle specification has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the specification. **Please note that EPA considers this specification to be final and has no further plans to revise it at this time.** The specification is effective immediately.

Based on stakeholder feedback, the following clarifications are provided in this final version:

- **Section 4: Test Criteria** – Language regarding the qualification of griddles with multiple griddle plate options has been revised slightly to require manufacturers to assign a unique identifier to either the ENERGY STAR qualified option or the non-qualified option. The intent of this requirement is to provide clarity to the end user regarding qualified and non-qualified options. Manufacturers must test and report each griddle plate option for purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification.
- **Section 6: Future Specification Revisions** – Language was added indicating EPA's intent to review the Tier 2 electric normalized idle energy rate level prior to the January 1, 2011 effective date.

No other changes have been made to the specification. All EPA correspondence, stakeholder comments, and previous draft versions of the specification can be viewed on the ENERGY STAR Web site at: www.energystar.gov/NewSpecs.

ENERGY STAR Partnership and Product Qualification

Attached are the ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement, Commitment Form, and Qualifying Product Information (QPI) form, which were provided along with the Final Draft specification. The Agreement includes the partner commitments, technical specification, and explains the requirements of both the manufacturing partner and EPA. This Agreement needs only to be signed once; after that, you may expand your participation into other product areas, as appropriate, by submitting an updated Commitment Form. Existing ENERGY STAR partners need only complete a new Commitment Form to participate in the commercial griddle program.

To familiarize you with the contents of the Partnership Agreement, the following is a list of partner commitments:

- Comply with the current product Eligibility Criteria (i.e., technical specification).

- Comply with the current ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines.
- Qualify at least one commercial griddle model as ENERGY STAR within one year of signing the Partnership Agreement.
- Provide clear and consistent labeling of ENERGY STAR qualified commercial griddles on the front of the product, in product literature, and on the Web site.
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, an updated list of ENERGY STAR qualifying commercial griddles.
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, unit shipment data of qualified commercial griddle models. Please note that all data will be aggregated and masked by a third party prior to EPA submission.
- Notify EPA of a change in the designated responsible party or contact for commercial griddles within 30 days.

Once a Partnership Agreement is signed, manufacturers may begin submitting models for ENERGY STAR qualification. A QPI form should be completed for each commercial griddle model that you wish to qualify and can be sent along with the signed Agreement.

Manufacturers can return the signed Partnership Agreement and Commitment Form, along with any completed QPI forms, to commercialgriddles@energystar.gov. Companies wishing to promote qualified models at the NRA Show should complete and submit these documents **by May 14, 2009**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at (202) 862-1266 or rduff@icfi.com.

Support for National Restaurant Association Show

ENERGY STAR representatives will be attending the NRA Show and are available for marketing assistance leading up to the event. Contact Jeffrey Clark, ICF International, at jclark@icfi.com for more information.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and promote your energy-efficient products. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or kent.christopher@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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