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Dear Commercial Griddle Manufacturer or Other Industry Stakeholder:

EPA welcomes your input on the attached **Final Draft** ENERGY STAR Commercial Griddle specification. All stakeholders are encouraged to review the draft specification and provide any final comments to Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com by **April 29, 2009**. This Final Draft specification reflects comments received on the previous Draft 2 document and is the final opportunity to comment on EPA's proposal prior to finalization.

Stakeholders will notice the following key changes in this Final Draft version:

- **Revised Normalized Idle Energy Rate for Electric Griddles:** Several stakeholders expressed concern that EPA's current data set may under represent more energy intensive electric griddle models currently on the market. In response, EPA has decided to delay the previously proposed energy efficiency requirement of 320 watts/ft² by one year and establish an interim Tier 1 requirement of 355 watts/ft². One of the guiding principles for developing ENERGY STAR specifications is that the purchaser recovers the incremental purchase cost of high efficiency within a reasonable timeframe. EPA's analysis shows that while this new Tier 1 level allows a fairly large number of models within the data set to qualify, it also effectively differentiates among products to deliver cost effective savings.

The Tier 1 requirement of 355 watts/ft² will go into effect May 8, 2009. On January 1, 2011, Tier 2 will replace Tier 1 and electric griddles must meet a level of 320 watts/ft² to remain ENERGY STAR qualified. The electric griddle cooking energy efficiency level remains unchanged.

- **Testing and Reporting Multiple Griddle Plate Options:** To date, EPA has received limited feedback on its proposal regarding this issue. Therefore, EPA is proposing that each individual griddle plate option must be tested with the representative model and results submitted to EPA for ENERGY STAR qualification. If more than one griddle plate option is offered under the same model number, and some of these do not meet the performance requirements, then the manufacturer must add a unique identifier or suffix following the model number to clearly indicate which combination is ENERGY STAR qualified.

- **New Effective Date of May 8, 2009:** EPA is proposing a new effective date to allow manufacturers a full two weeks to comment on this latest proposal and to provide EPA sufficient time to finalize the document.

All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site unless the submitter requests that their comments remain confidential. If you support the Final Draft specification, please state this in writing or via email. To view previous draft specifications, meeting materials, and stakeholder comments visit www.energystar.gov/NewSpecs.

No other changes to the performance requirements are being proposed at this time. As such, manufacturers with gas griddles that meet the cooking energy efficiency and normalized idle energy rate levels in this Final Draft specification may begin submitting qualified product information to EPA for review. More information on this process is provided in the section, below. EPA suggests that manufacturers of electric griddles wait until the normalized idle energy rate is finalized prior to submitting these product types for qualification.

ENERGY STAR Partnership and Product Qualification

To allow manufacturers additional time to prepare for the upcoming National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show, May 16-19, 2009, EPA is providing the documents required for ENERGY STAR partnership and product qualification with this Final Draft document. Manufacturers wishing to promote qualified models at the NRA Show must complete and submit these documents to EPA **by May 14, 2009**.

Enclosed you will find a Partnership Agreement along with Commitment and QPI forms. 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. Therefore, existing ENERGY STAR partners need only complete a new Commitment Form to participate in the commercial griddle program.

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. **Please note that manufacturers cannot use the ENERGY STAR mark to label or promote qualifying models until the specification takes effect on May 8, 2009.**

Manufacturers can return the signed Partnership Agreement and Commitment Form, along with any completed QPI forms for review, to commercialgriddles@energystar.gov. 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.

Thank you for your comments and continued support of the specification development process. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or kent.christopher@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher Kent, EPA
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