



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Boiler Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

In an effort to ensure that the ENERGY STAR mark remains relevant in the marketplace and continues to offer significant energy and cost savings to consumers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has spent the last year reviewing several existing ENERGY STAR HVAC specifications, most recently the Version 2.1 boiler requirements.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that based on this review EPA will maintain the ENERGY STAR Version 2.1 Boiler Eligibility Criteria at this time. EPA is basing this decision on several factors including: (1) the lack of clear, market ready advanced technology options to support a more stringent AFUE level; (2) high relative cost of the limited, more efficient technologies that do exist; and (3) the continued value of the ENERGY STAR label as a differentiator in the boiler market.

On September 1, 2012 more stringent minimum DOE efficiency standards go into effect for boilers. EPA recognizes that the Version 2.1 specification will need to be revised at that time, raising the efficiency bar for boilers to continue the label for this product category. EPA will monitor the marketplace this year and encourages stakeholders to keep us informed of any new technology developments or market shifts toward high efficiency. As always, stakeholders will be invited to participate in the specification review process.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program. If you have any questions, please contact me at daken.abigail@epa.gov or (202) 343-9375.

Sincerely,

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