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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Residential Ceiling Fans Stakeholder or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized the Version 3.0 Residential Ceiling Fan product specification, which will take effect on October 1, 2011. This specification change was prompted by the need to align its lighting requirements with those of the new ENERGY STAR Luminaire specification. As of the effective date of this revision, all ceiling fans and any light kits, included or sold separately, must be certified by an EPA-recognized Certification Body (CB) in order to continue carrying the label. This letter describes changes made since the last draft, lays out next steps, and provides information about a new certified lighting subcomponent database which is under development.

Changes reflected in the Final Version 3.0 Eligibility Criteria compared to the previously distributed Draft version are limited to: (1) removal of light kit (sold separately) references and (2) further clarification regarding rounding rules for purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification presented in Section 3.E. The lighting performance requirements in the Version 3.0 Residential Ceiling Fan specification are identical to those in the Version 1.0 Luminaires specification. Attachable light kits which are sold separately will no longer be qualified as ceiling fans, but may be qualified as Luminaires. Please note that the Partner Commitments previously distributed with the Version 2.4 Eligibility Criteria remain unchanged.

EPA shares its Partners' desire for a smooth transition from one ENERGY STAR specification version to the next, with the objective of meeting consumer expectations that ENERGY STAR labeled products fully meet the latest requirements in effect upon their date of purchase. With this in mind, EPA has established the following timeline:

- Effective immediately, manufacturers may elect to have their CB certify their fans with light kits to the Residential Ceiling Fans Version 3.0 requirements, and attachable light kits may be qualified to the Luminaires Version 1.0 requirements. A list of qualified attachable light kits will be available on the energystar.gov ceiling fan webpage.
- After June 15, 2011, CBs will be instructed to stop certifying new submittals with light kits to the existing Version 2.4 specification. Note, however, that models already qualified to Version 2.4 will maintain their qualification status until October 1, 2011.
- As of October 1, 2011 any ceiling fan shipped with an ENERGY STAR label must be third-party certified. Since the fan requirements have not changed, fan certification to Version 2.4 will remain valid. All certifications of integral and attachable light kits to the Version 2.4 specification will be invalid for purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification, and CBs will only submit to EPA ceiling fans with light kits, or attachable light kits, certified to Version 3.0/Luminaires Version 1.0.

As a reminder, effective January 1, 2011 all *new* products must be certified by an EPA-recognized CB before being labeled and marketed as ENERGY STAR qualified. Upon satisfactory completion of all certification requirements, a CB will notify the Partner that the product is ENERGY STAR qualified and will submit qualified product data to EPA for listing on the ENERGY STAR website. For more information on the Third-Party Certification program please visit www.energystar.gov/3rdpartycert.

New Certified Lighting Subcomponent Database

To support partner efforts in qualifying ceiling fan light kits to the Version 1.0 Luminaires requirements the Agency is currently compiling the Certified Lighting Subcomponent Database, to replace the [NEMA/ALA Lamp and Ballast Platform Matrix](#), and the [EPA Approved Platform Database](#). The new Database, which will include GU24 based integrated lamps, will be operational this spring and hosted on the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov/lightingsubcomponents.

Please direct any specific questions to Abigail Daken at EPA, daken.abigail@epa.gov or (202) 343-9375 and Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com or (202) 862-1266. Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,



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