

Dear ENERGY STAR Ceiling Fan Partner or Other Interested Party,

A few months ago EPA distributed the attached ceiling fan light kit appendix to all industry stakeholders for review and comment. As you know, the existing Version 2.0 Residential Ceiling Fan specification simply references the requirements of the Residential Light Fixture (RLF) specification. Due to the growing size and complexity of the RLF specification, EPA has decided to pull those requirements that are relevant to ceiling fan light kits and incorporate them into the ceiling fan specification.

As a reminder, this is mainly a clarification of requirements that ceiling fan light kits already need to meet to earn the ENERGY STAR. However, there are a few new requirements that resulted from revisions to the RLF specification. These new requirements are highlighted in **red font** in the attached document. It is EPA's hope that many manufacturers are already working to meet these new requirements as a result of their inclusion in the RLF Version 4.0 specification, which goes into effect on October 1, 2005.

Effective Date of Version 2.1 Specification

In previous correspondence EPA indicated that qualifying light kits would need to meet the attached requirements beginning October 1, 2005. However, EPA understands that for some of the new requirements, significant time is needed for testing and conditional approval. Therefore, EPA is now proposing an effective date of September 1, 2006. All ceiling fan light kits manufactured after September 1, 2006 must meet the new specification. Ceiling fan light kits qualified under previous versions of the specification will be de-listed at that time.

Once the specification is finalized, EPA will encourage all Partners to begin qualifying to the new specification as soon as possible. However, manufacturers that wish to submit ceiling fan light kits under the existing specification requirements (Version 3.2 of the RLF specification) may do so until April 30, 2006. As of May 1, 2006 EPA will only accept submittals that meet the new requirements provided in Appendix A of the Version 2.1 ceiling fan specification. This deadline will ensure that Partners do not invest the time and money to qualify products that will be de-listed shortly thereafter.

These dates were chosen based on the unique manufacturing and sales cycles of ceiling fan products. EPA is open to discussing these dates further with industry prior to finalizing the specification.

To date, EPA has received limited feedback on this Appendix A. **Any final comments or concerns should be sent to Rebecca Duff, ICF Consulting, at rduff@icfconsulting.com by September 30, 2005.** If EPA does not receive any additional comments on this amendment then it will be distributed as final under a new Version 2.1 Residential Ceiling Fan specification.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR!