

Dear Mr. Karney,

Water conservation is an essential part of long-range water supply strategy for many water providers in the United States. As a consultant to water providers and a researcher of water use trends I know well the impact that water efficient clothes washers can have on residential demand. The inclusion of a water factor (WF) in the criteria for a clothes washer to attain Energy Star certification would be a tremendous step in improving water efficiency.

At the DOE Stakeholders' meeting on August 31, 2004, there appeared to be agreement that a water factor (WF) criteria should be added to Energy Star. Since many clothes washers are already available that would meet a 7.5 WF and many more will be on the market by 2007, this WF level is being supported by many water utilities and other organizations for implementation in 2007.

Aquacraft, Inc. Water Engineering and Management would strongly urge you to accept this recommendation and set a WF of 7.5 for inclusion in Energy Star in 2007. This standard would greatly help many utilities meet our long-term water needs.

Thanks you for the opportunity to submit comments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

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