



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear ENERGY STAR Partners and Stakeholders:

The Department has reviewed all partner and stakeholder comments concerning the proposed change to the ENERGY STAR criteria for clothes washers for 2007. Effective January 1, 2007, the qualification criteria will be as proposed in our March 28, 2005, analysis, a minimum Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 1.72 and a maximum Water Factor (WF) of 8.0.

On behalf of the Department of Energy, I would like to thank all stakeholders for the assistance provided during this criteria-setting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard H. Karney".

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