

REF No.	Topic	Comment	EPA Response
1	Eligible Products	Agrees with EPA that a more detailed evaluation and process is necessary, as is consultation with DOE. Research needs to be done to determine whether the criteria for clothes washers are appropriate for clothes washers with optional dry cycles and how such products can be tested.	EPA believes it is prudent to wait until there is a selection of products with an optional dry cycle available on the market and appropriate testing standards for them have been developed.
2	Test Procedure for Combination Washer-Dryers	Stakeholder notes that while there may not be a testing standard for combination washer-dryers, without the ENERGY STAR label, consumers are not being informed of the inherent efficiency advantages of these units. We urge EPA to work with DOE to develop a testing procedure for combination washer-dryers and to provide an avenue for these products to earn the ENERGY STAR label.	<p>With stakeholder input, a testing approach for combo W/D was finalized by EPA in September 2010 where washing performance and dryer performance would be rated independently using the respective DOE test procedures. As discussed in the Draft 2, EPA is seeking further information on the water consumption of combo W/Ds while drying.</p> <p>Since finalizing the testing approach for combo W/Ds in September 2010, EPA has also learned of a new clothes washer that may be introduced into the U.S. that would offer similar functionality to that of a combo W/D. Information available suggests that this product, which EPA has defined as a clothes dryer with an optional dry cycle, may not be able to be tested using the DOE clothes dryer test procedure, Appendix D1. Stakeholders are encouraged to consult with DOE to determine coverage and testing requirements for a clothes dryer with an optional dry cycle.</p> <p>EPA has decided to wait until there is a selection of clothes washers with an optional dry cycle in the market and appropriate testing standards for them have been developed, before further evaluating them for inclusion in the ENERGY STAR program.</p>