



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Commercial Dishwasher Manufacturer or Other Interested Party,

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to inform you that the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Commercial Dishwasher specification has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the Final specification. The new Version 2.0 specification will take effect on February 1, 2013 and prior to the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Show, February 7 – 9, 2013.

Commercial dishwashers that meet these new requirements will provide significant savings to purchasers. If all commercial dishwashers sold in the United States meet this new specification, the energy cost savings would grow to about \$30 million per year and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 32,000 vehicles. With this specification, ENERGY STAR will recognize products that are, on average, 30-55% more energy-efficient and 30-60% more water-efficient than standard models. New to this specification, ENERGY STAR qualified flight type dishwashers will save, on average, 40-60% in energy and water consumption compared to standard models.

The Final Version 2.0 Eligibility Criteria and existing Partner Commitments are attached for your reference. Previous draft proposals, supporting analyses, and stakeholder comments are available on the Product Development website at [www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs](http://www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs) (click on 'Commercial Dishwashers').

#### **Effective Date and Deployment Timeline**

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

- Effective immediately, manufacturers may elect to have their Certification Body (CB) certify their eligible products to the Version 2.0 requirements.
- On **October 1, 2012** CBs will be asked to stop certifying new product submittals to the existing ENERGY STAR Version 1.1 specification requirements. Note, however, that existing certifications to Version 1.1 will remain valid for the purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification until January 31, 2013.
- As of February 1, 2013 any product manufactured and labeled as ENERGY STAR must meet Version 2.0 requirements. At this time, all certifications of products to the Version 1.1 specification will be invalid for purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification and CBs will only submit product models certified to Version 2.0 to EPA.

#### **Third-Party Certification**

Manufacturers are reminded that as of January 1, 2011 all new products must be certified by an EPA-recognized CB before being labeled and marketed as ENERGY STAR. 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](http://www.energystar.gov/3rdpartycert).

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and promote your energy-efficient equipment. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or [kent.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:kent.christopher@epa.gov).

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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ENERGY STAR for Commercial Food Service Equipment