

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear Commercial Fryer Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

In August 2003, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR specification for Commercial Fryers that included criteria for 15-inch gas and electric models. EPA is now interested in expanding the scope of the existing fryer specification to include other size categories. EPA continues to look for opportunities to provide consumers with a broad range of energy efficient qualified models in all popular sizes currently available in the market. ENERGY STAR believes it is in the best interest of the program and for consumers to expand the products eligible to qualify under this specification to include fryers used by quick service and institutional kitchens. The purpose of this letter is to solicit your participation in the specification revision process. ENERGY STAR develops efficiency criteria based on performance data on currently available models and invites partners to provide data to help determine the appropriate performance criteria.

EPA expects to focus this revision on setting cooking energy efficiency and idle rate requirements for large size fryers (15 to 24 inches) as well as consider setting requirements for products smaller than 15 inches, based on available performance and market data.

Data Submission

In determining appropriate maximum idle energy rates, EPA intends to use available performance data when possible. Manufacturers and other stakeholders are encouraged to provide EPA with performance data on non-qualified fryers, especially commercial fryers larger and smaller than 15 inches, using the attached data submission form. Having a robust data set which includes a range of currently available models in all size categories, will help ensure that ENERGY STAR sets the appropriate requirements that are reflective of the overall market. Manufacturers are encouraged to send completed data forms to Bijit Kundu, ICF International, at bkundu@icfi.com by February 19, 2010.

Next Steps

As EPA moves forward with revising the current requirements, EPA will solicit input from all stakeholders on an ongoing basis via draft specifications, e-mail updates, and stakeholder meetings. EPA intends to distribute a first draft of the revised specification by February 2010. EPA will schedule a Web based meeting in March 2010 to discuss the fryer data set and the draft specification to gather stakeholder feedback .

All EPA correspondence and specification documents will be posted throughout the revision process to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment (click on "Revisions to Existing Product Specifications" and then select "Commercial Fryers"). In addition, all written comments received by EPA will be posted, with permission from the commenter, to the same site.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Your input is very valuable during this specification review process. If you are not familiar with the ENERGY STAR Guiding Principles, you are encouraged to review them at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. In addition, please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9046 or kent.christopher@epa.gov with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR. I look forward to working with you during the specification revision process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Kent".

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