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Dear ENERGY STAR® Residential Dishwasher Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share with you the attached Final Draft Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR Residential Dishwasher Product Specification. EPA would like to thank the many stakeholders who have invested time and effort over the past several months to contribute feedback that has informed this product specification process.

The Final Draft Version 5.0 maintains the following energy- and water- performance requirements as proposed in Draft 2 on February 2, 2011: 295 kWh/year and 4.25 gallons/cycle for standard dishwashers and 222 kWh/year and 3.5 gallons/cycle for compact dishwashers. During the Draft 2 comment period, stakeholders continued to express concern over EPA's decision to supersede the previously established Tier 2 Version 4.1 ENERGY STAR performance criteria that had been scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2011. As was stated when this stakeholder process was launched in October 2010, EPA continues to believe that the anticipated ENERGY STAR market share, combined with the likelihood of new Federal standards, suggest that more stringent performance requirements are necessary to effectively differentiate top performing dishwashers for consumers.

In response to stakeholder feedback regarding the availability of a suitable cleaning performance test procedure, EPA has not included any cleaning performance requirements in this Final Draft Version 5.0. Instead, EPA plans to implement cleaning performance requirements when the next set of energy- and water- requirements are established through a subsequent stakeholder process. Several additional changes have been incorporated into this Final Draft as a result of stakeholder feedback, including:

- New effective date for Tier 2 of July 1, 2013. With this effective date, EPA is providing more time for the industry to complete updates to cleaning performance tests.
- Removed the proposed Tier 2 energy- and water requirements. EPA plans to reassess the market in advance of the proposed July 1, 2013 effective date.
- Updated definitions and sampling requirements to harmonize with U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requirements.

Comment Submittal

EPA anticipates finalizing this Version 5.0 specification by April 15, 2011 and has proposed an effective date of January 3, 2012. Comments on the Final Draft Version 5.0 product specification should be submitted via email to appliances@energystar.gov, and will be accepted until April 8, 2011.

Third- Party Certification

As a reminder, 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.

To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR dishwasher specification, visit the ENERGY STAR Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and click on "Residential Dishwashers."

Please direct any specific questions to Amanda Stevens, EPA, at stevens.amanda@epa.gov or 202-343-9106, or Ryan Fogle, D&R International, at rfogle@drintl.com or 301-588-9387.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Stevens".

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ENERGY STAR Appliance Program