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Re: Dishwasher Data Needs

As discussed during the Energy Star dishwasher stakeholder meeting on July 13, additional data is needed to evaluate key options for revised Energy Star criteria for these products. In light of the various options raised at the stakeholder meeting, we recommend that DOE seek the following data on each Energy Star qualified standard dishwasher from Energy Star Partner manufacturers, in spreadsheet format –

1. Brand and model (can be masked, as "Brand A", "Model 1", etc.)
2. capacity, in place settings (at a minimum, distinguish between '12 settings or above' and 'less than 12 settings')
3. soil-sensing or non-soil-sensing
4. energy factor as per the DOE test procedure
5. water consumption as per the DOE test procedure (i.e., as measured pursuant to section 4.3 of Appendix C)
6. maximum water use per cycle (i.e., the setting that yields the greatest water use, usually the "heavy" or "pots & pans" cycle)
7. pre-rinse cycle water consumption (using a "rinse & hold" cycle; N/A if no pre-rinse option is present)

These data undoubtedly already exist, and should be easily assembled in spreadsheet format. The universe of dishwashers covered by this request could be each current Energy Star-qualified model, or each Energy Star-qualified model with an EF of 0.62 or above, since that seems to be the lower bound under consideration in the current revision cycle. The data set, stripped of brand names if the manufacturers so desire, should be made public, so that Steering Committee members, other public stakeholders, and individual manufacturers themselves can undertake their own analyses, along with the Department.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.