

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



OFFICE OF
AIR AND RADIATION

December 27, 2011

Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Decorative Light Strings Stakeholder:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing minor changes to the ENERGY STAR specification for decorative light strings (DLS). The primary purpose of this new Version 1.5 ENERGY STAR Decorative Light Strings specification is to allow light strings on decorative forms to be ENERGY STAR qualified. Partners **do not** need to re-qualify any currently ENERGY STAR qualified models in response to this revision.

As part of this revision process, EPA completed a review of the DLS category and concluded that changes in the performance requirements are not warranted at this time. To the extent stakeholders submitted comments relevant to the performance requirements, they will be taken up as part of the next revision cycle. All comments have been posted to the ENERGY STAR DLS Product Development webpage at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

In response to stakeholder feedback, EPA made the following adjustments as reflected in this final Version 1.5 specification:

- Revised the description of rope lighting provided in Section 2: Scope to be consistent with the definition provided in ANSI/UL2388;
- Expanded the decorative forms requirements to include indoor-only as well as indoor/outdoor products;
- Removed the year from references to CSA C22.2 No.37 to be consistent with similar references to UL 588 for safety requirements; and
- Reinstated the “phosphor-based lamps” terminology used in Version 1.4 in order to avoid an inadvertent change in requirements, which would have impacted qualification and was not EPA’s original intent.

EPA wishes to thank all stakeholders who provided feedback during this revision process. If you have any questions about the new Version 1.5 specification, please feel free to contact me at karaffa.paul@epa.gov or (202) 343-9401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Karaffa".

Paul Karaffa
ENERGY STAR Program
United States Environmental Protection Agency