

Darcy --

Thank you for all of your work on the final draft Energy Star criteria for Exit Signs, version 3.0. In accordance with Andrew's Nov. 5 letter, below please see questions from our members on the final draft. We would appreciate your consideration and response.

1 - Luminance Depreciation: Photoluminescent material experiences luminance depreciation over time. Why are photoluminescent exit signs excluded from the luminance depreciation statement under 2.A.?

2 - In the specification an exit sign is generally defined as "a sign that is permanently fixed in place and used to identify a means of egress....[with] an illuminated, legally-required legend." Part of the UL definition of a photoluminescent exit sign states "During normal power conditions (i.e., non-emergency), these products function as externally illuminated exit signs and are subject to the regulations of NFPA 101." NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, requires "not less than 5 ft-candles at the illuminated surface of an externally illuminated exit sign." How does Energy Star side-step this requirement?

3 - How does Energy Star plan to enforce its requirement, stated under "Qualifying Products" that, for a product to earn the Energy Star, it be "installed in accordance with applicable building codes and standards, such as the Life Safety Code."

Thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely,

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