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From: Bill Lynch [blynch@isolite.com]
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To: Hoffmeyer, Darcy
Subject: Energy Star exit signs Draft 2 - Eligibility Criteria - Version

Dear Darcy,

We support the revisions made to Draft 2 – Eligibility Criteria - Version 3.0. This draft more closely aligns itself with EPA's mandate "to identify and promote energy-efficient products". By eliminating the Energy Star's unique luminance criteria and, instead, relying on compliance with the Industry accepted UL924 Standard for Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment to determine required luminance characteristics, the Energy Star Program has properly broadened the eligibility criteria to include other approved sign types, namely self-luminous and photoluminescent, that are consistent with the Program's energy goals.

Additionally, we support an immediate effective date for this Version 3.0 Specification with an allowance made for any currently conforming products. Version 2.0 and Version 3.0 could run concurrently for some specified period of time. For example, any currently conforming product could be marketed and sold for a period of six months from the effective date of Version 3.0. At the end of this six month period, Version 2.0 compliant agreements would be terminated. This would allow the benefits of Version 3.0 to take effect immediately, while not penalizing any manufacturers that may need time to comply with Version 3.0.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,
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