

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear Hot Food Holding Cabinet Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomes your input on the attached Draft 1 Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR® Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinets specification. As noted in the memorandum to launch this revision process, dated November 16, 2009, the current ENERGY STAR specification for commercial hot food holding cabinets has been in place since August 2003, and market share of qualified models has been growing steadily. To ensure that ENERGY STAR continues to represent the top performers in terms of energy efficiency, EPA is revising the current ENERGY STAR specification to establish new performance levels.

Some of the key proposed revisions in this specification include:

- New idle energy consumption rate requirements based on volume ranges. This new proposed volume approach is in response to concerns that smaller units have a greater challenge in qualifying using a single line fit. The proposed performance levels using this new volume approach represent approximately 25% of the models available in the marketplace for each volume category.
- Updated definition of a commercial hot food holding cabinet consistent with published definitions in state appliance standards.
- A requirement that manufacturing partners individually test and submit product data for each qualifying product model.
- An effective date of February 1, 2011 for the Version 2.0 specification.

More details regarding EPA's rationale for making these changes are included in note boxes throughout the draft specification document. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments for EPA consideration to CommercialHotFoodHoldingCabinets@energystar.gov by **February 11, 2010**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site unless the submitter requests that their comments remain confidential. EPA would like to hold a **Web-based stakeholder meeting on January 26, 2010** to gather feedback on the Draft 1 specification and address other stakeholder comments and questions. Please let EPA know as soon as possible if this date is problematic for your organization. Details of the meeting will be forthcoming.

To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinets specification, visit the Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment and click on "Revisions to Existing Product Specifications" and then select "Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinets."

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or via e-mail at kent.christopher@epa.gov or Bijit Kundu, ICF International, at (202) 862-1157 or bkundu@icfi.com. Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification. I look forward to working with you over the next few months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Kent".

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