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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 Final Draft Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR® Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinet (HFHC) specification. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on this proposal to EPA no later than **September 16, 2010**.

The following revisions are proposed in this Final Draft document:

- **Energy Efficiency Requirements:** Slightly revised levels are proposed for cabinets with internal volumes ≥ 13 cubic feet. This change allows for somewhat greater selection of ENERGY STAR qualified models in the larger banquet sizes and is consistent with the expectation that relatively minor advances in efficiency occurring between now and the specification effective date will result in even greater selection.
- **Test Procedure Requirements:** EPA replaced the previously referenced ASTM Standard F2140-01 with the more recent F2140-10 version, which is currently under ASTM committee review. This should not have a significant impact on energy efficiency performance results. EPA anticipates that the new standard will be finalized later this year and will be available for use by the time the Version 2.0 specification becomes effective.

More details regarding EPA's rationale for making these changes are included in note boxes inserted throughout the document.

Enhanced Testing and Verification

In addition to the key revision areas outlined above, EPA is also introducing additional refinements in this Final Draft document to further clarify qualification requirements and ensure a level playing field to support upcoming changes to the ENERGY STAR program, which will include the requirement of third-party certification for product qualification. Similar revisions are being made to all ENERGY STAR product specifications and will be shared with stakeholders for review and comment in early September.

EPA is also working to modify the ENERGY STAR Partner Commitments to address the enhanced testing and verification requirements that will apply to all ENERGY STAR product categories starting in early 2011. An updated Partner Commitment document specific to Hot Food Holding Cabinet partners will also be released in early September. For more information on enhanced testing and verification requirements, visit: www.energystar.gov/testingandverification.

Submittal of Written Comments

Stakeholders are encouraged to submit written comments on this Final draft document for EPA consideration to commercialfoodservice@energystar.gov by **September 16, 2010**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site unless the submitter requests otherwise. Please note that this is your final opportunity to submit comments prior to the Version 2.0 specification being finalized.

To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Commercial HFHC specification, visit the Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment/revisedspecs.

Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification. 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 Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at (202) 862-1266 or via e-mail at rduff@icfi.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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