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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Computer Monitor Partners and Other Interested Parties:

Over the past few weeks, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been reviewing all stakeholder comments received on the Draft 2.5 (Version 4.0) specification for computer monitors. EPA received some substantive comments on Draft 2.5, and has subsequently decided to issue a Draft 3 (Version 4.0) specification to stakeholders. This Draft 3 document outlines the proposed energy-efficiency criteria that manufacturers must meet for their products to earn the ENERGY STAR, and is considered to be a Final Draft. A detailed summary of changes is enclosed to aid in the comparison of Draft 3 with the Draft 2.5 (Version 4.0) specification, released in October 2003.

The proposed Sleep and Off Mode requirements provided in Draft 3 are identical to those provided in Draft 2.5. The proposed On Mode requirements for Tier 1 also have not changed. However, the proposed Tier 2 On Mode requirements, the Test Conditions, and the Fulfillment of Partner Commitments language have been adjusted, based on stakeholder feedback. (Please see the summary of changes document for further details.)

All interested parties will have until January 16, 2004 to submit written comments on the Draft 3 specification. Comments received by this date will be considered for the Final Version 4.0 specification, which will be issued after this deadline.

As always, EPA appreciates your involvement in the specification revision process. Please direct any comments and/or questions to me at Hershberg.Craig@epa.gov. I can also be reached by phone at 202-343-9120. Thank you, and happy holidays.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Hershberg".

Craig Hershberg, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR for Office Equipment and Consumer Electronics

Attachments:

Draft 3 (Version 4.0) ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Specification

Draft 3 (Version 4.0) ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Specification: Summary of Changes