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

Over the past several months, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been developing a Draft 2 Version 4.0 specification for ENERGY STAR qualified computer monitors. The attached specification outlines the proposed new energy-efficiency criteria and testing procedures that manufacturers must meet for their products to earn the ENERGY STAR. Once final, this specification will replace the current Version 3.0 specification. A detailed summary of changes is also provided to aid in the comparison of the Draft 1 Version 4.0 specification, released April 2002, and this latest Draft 2.

The proposed On, Sleep, and Off Mode requirements provided in Draft 2 are based on recent test data provided by manufacturers. Only test data that was collected using the new computer monitor test methodology was included in the analysis. Additionally, Draft 2 accurately reflects many of the comments made by stakeholders during the April 2002 Computer Monitor Industry Meeting, as well as subsequent comments received in writing. (Please see the summary of changes document for further details.)

EPA will present the Draft 2 specification during the July 22, 2003 Computer Monitor Partner Meeting, and solicit feedback on the specification at that time. All interested parties will have until August 12, 2003, to submit written comments. EPA will then carefully review and consider all comments and distribute subsequent drafts, as necessary. It is EPA's goal to finalize the Version 4.0 computer monitor specification by October 2003.

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, no later than August 12, 2003.** I can also be reached at 202-564-1251. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Craig Hershberg, Product Manager
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Attachments:

Draft 2 Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Specification

Draft 2 Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Computer Monitor Specification: Summary of Changes