



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear ENERGY STAR Partners and Stakeholders:

The Department of Energy (the Department) is pleased to announce the expansion of the ENERGY STAR criteria for Room Air Conditioners (RACs), effective November 16, 2005.

This expansion incorporates RAC models with reverse cycle heating (i.e., heat pump models), meeting the Department's objectives of increased energy savings and offering a diverse selection of high-performance RACs. Enclosed is a copy of the updated ENERGY STAR Program Requirements and Criteria for RACs. This document will also be posted under the *Partner Commitments* link on the ENERGY STAR Room Air Conditioners page: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=roomac.pr\\_room\\_ac](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=roomac.pr_room_ac)

On behalf of the Department, I would like to thank all partners and stakeholders for the assistance provided during this criteria expansion process. If you have any questions please send them electronically to me at *richard.karney@ee.doe.gov*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard H. Karney".

Richard H. Karney, P.E.  
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