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Dear Residential Ventilating Fan Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

EPA welcomes your input on the following **Draft 2** Version 2.0 specification for ENERGY STAR[®] qualified Residential Ventilating Fans. This ten-page document represents EPA's final Draft proposal for the revised criteria and testing procedures that manufacturers will need to abide by in order to qualify products as ENERGY STAR.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone that took the time to review and provide comments on the Draft 1 specification which was released in January 2003. These comments were of great assistance in modifying the document for the Draft 2 release. The note boxes have been updated throughout the document to address industry comments and concerns and provide EPA's rationale behind the decision of whether or not to implement the suggested revisions. Please note that while not included in this version of the specification, EPA continues to be interested in in-line fans and additional measures of product quality and energy efficiency. As such, we would like to continue working with industry members to research these items further and determine their inclusion in future specification revisions.

While reviewing the Draft 2 Version 2.0 specification, please keep in mind that the primary objective of ENERGY STAR is to make it easy for buyers to identify the most energy-efficient products in the marketplace. **It is not EPA's intention to revise a specification so that every model is able to qualify.** However, it is EPA's hope that the revisions made in this Draft 2 specification will recognize approximately 25% of the top performers in the market once Version 2.0 becomes effective.

It's EPA's hope that you will agree that the revision of this specification has been an open process in which industry has been engaged and their opinions heard. The exchange of ideas and information among EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. **It is EPA's intention to finalize the revised product specification by early summer – all stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the Draft 2 specification by May 19, 2003.** Comments should be sent to Erin Trager, ICF Consulting, via e-mail at etrager@icfconsulting.com. All comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR Web site for review, unless the submitter indicates otherwise. If you support/concur with the Draft 1 Version 2.0 specification, or do not wish to comment, please state this in writing. It is equally important that EPA understands which portions of the draft specification meet with stakeholder approval, in addition to identifying the sections that may need further revision and/or explanation.

Once all comments have been collected and reviewed by EPA, a Final Version 2.0 specification will be issued as part of EPA's Partnership Agreement, which also provides additional information for the partner such as the Logo Use Guidelines and Qualified Product Information (QPI) Forms. Existing partners who wish to continue their partnership in ENERGY STAR for Residential Ventilating Fans will be required to acknowledge the new Version 2.0 specification by submitting an updated

Commitment Form. This will require that all products that qualify must meet the requirements of the new Version 2.0 specification.

Thank you for taking the time to review the ***Draft 2*** Version 2.0 specification. I look forward to working with you during the next few months. To track the progress of ENERGY STAR for Ventilating Fans, go to www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment and click on “Revisions to Existing Product Specifications.”

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fanara', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Fanara
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ENERGY STAR for Ventilating Fans