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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Water Cooler Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to provide you with the final Version 1.2 ENERGY STAR Water Cooler specification. This letter describes EPA's final decisions regarding these new requirements and outlines the process for qualifying products under the new specification.

The Version 1.2 specification was developed through a process that included release of a draft specification and stakeholder input and discussions. EPA did not receive any comments from stakeholders on Draft 1 that suggested modifications to the specification; therefore, the Final Specification is being issued without subsequent drafts and with no additional changes. The previous draft of the specification, stakeholder comments on Version 1.1, and related materials are available on EPA's ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs. Click on the "Water Coolers" link.

The effective date for the Version 1.2 requirements is January 22, 2010. EPA will revisit this Version 1.2 specification and propose Version 2.0 requirements through an open stakeholder process beginning in the summer of 2010.

Partnering Under the Version 1.2 Specification

Existing ENERGY STAR Partners: Since the Version 1.2 specification is not substantively different from Version 1.1, current partners will be rolled over to the new specification and do not need to take further action with regard to their partnership status.

New ENERGY STAR Partners: As of January 22, 2010, manufacturers wishing to join the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler program must join under the Version 1.2 Program Requirements. Manufacturers that are not currently ENERGY STAR partners will need to complete and submit both a Partnership Agreement and a Commitment Form (packaged together as a "Manufacturer Partnership Agreement Packet" on the ENERGY STAR Web site). This Partnership Agreement only needs to be signed once. Afterward, you may expand your partnership into additional product areas, as applicable, by submitting an updated Commitment Form.

The Partnership Agreement can be found on the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/join. Click on "Manufacturers of ENERGY STAR Qualified Products."

Qualifying Products for ENERGY STAR

Because the energy-efficiency criteria did not change between the Version 1.1 and Version 1.2 specification, products submitted for qualification under Version 1.1 will continue to qualify for ENERGY STAR under Version 1.2 as long as they were tested as shipped. If you believe your product's performance would vary from that which was submitted for qualification if it were tested as shipped, please contact Darcy Martinez, ICF International, at dmartinez@icfi.com, 202-862-1234 to discuss a plan for retesting.

Beginning on January 22, 2010, new models may be submitted for ENERGY STAR qualification using the attached, revised Qualified Product Information (QPI) form. This updated QPI form contains several new data fields, so please ensure you are using this current form to submit products to the Version 1.2 specification.

EPA thanks stakeholders who provided feedback during the specification revision process and looks forward to working with you to qualify and market your energy-efficient water coolers. If you have any questions or concerns about the specification or partnership process, please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9123 or Ryan.Steven@epa.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve J. Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Steve Ryan
ENERGY STAR for Water Coolers