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Dear Clothes Dryer Manufacturer or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to release the Advanced Clothes Dryer 2012 Emerging Technology Award Criteria. EPA received several comments in support of the revised draft distributed to stakeholders on January 4, 2012. Previous draft versions of the criteria and EPA correspondence can be found on the ENERGY STAR[®] Emerging Technology Award website at www.energystar.gov/emergingtech. Please note that no changes have been made to the Award criteria since the previous draft.

Compact Dryers

EPA has received interest in a separate requirement for compact heat pump dryers within the Advanced Clothes Dryer Criteria. Initial test results suggest that significant energy savings could be achieved by heat pump designs as compared to their standard counterparts. However, EPA's data set is limited and it is unclear at this stage whether designs will be ready for the U.S. market in the near future. Therefore, EPA will be reaching out to manufacturers over the next several months to determine whether specific compact requirements need to be established that are more representative of this product subclass and to gauge the timing of product introduction.

Award Application Process

Manufacturers with dryer technologies that meet the Award criteria may begin submitting the necessary documentation for EPA review. Winners of the 2012 Award will be announced as applications are approved and products are made available for sale in the U.S. market. Note that multiple products can receive the Award. Applications and other requests can be sent to emergingtech@energystar.gov.

Over the next several months, EPA will work with interested stakeholders to promote emerging dryer technologies and identify opportunities to incentivize early adopters. If you are interested in partnering with EPA on these efforts, please contact Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award. If you have any questions about the program please contact me at (202) 343-9408 or banwell.peter@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Banwell".

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