

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Emerging Technology Award Stakeholder:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award criteria for advanced electric clothes dryers for 2014 and seeking limited further comment on proposed criteria that would expand the scope of the Award to include gas dryers.

In comments on the previous drafts, several stakeholders questioned whether gas dryers would be eligible for the Award. Although the majority of dryers sold (approximately 80%) are electric, there is potential for advanced gas dryers to reduce CO₂ emissions. The Agency is also sensitive to concerns raised regarding consumers' gas vs electric choices and believes that adding gas as a potential award winning technology will address those concerns.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed recognition criteria for gas dryers to emergingtech@energystar.gov by **May 28, 2014**. Manufacturers with technologies that meet the electric criteria may begin submitting the necessary documentation to the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology mailbox for EPA review. Winners of the Award will be announced as it is determined that all Award criteria have been satisfied and in conjunction with manufacturer product launch plans.

If you have any questions about the Award, please contact me at banwell.peter@epa.gov or (202) 343-9408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Banwell", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Peter Banwell
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