



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
AIR AND RADIATION

January 4, 2016

Dear ENERGY STAR® Dehumidifiers Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share the attached Final Draft Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Dehumidifiers specification. EPA plans to finalize the Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Dehumidifiers specification in late January 2016 with an effective date of October 25, 2016.

This final draft is unmodified from the Draft 1 proposal, reflecting neutral or supportive comments on that draft's proposed changes. There was one comment on the effective date, which is addressed below.

Effective Date

One commenter requested that the effective date of the Version 4.0 specification be pushed into 2017, because "...over the next several years, significant resources will need to be devoted to complying with the soon-to-be amended Federal energy conservation standards for dehumidifiers using the new test procedure." Given that this will be a multi-year effort with an end date that is as of yet uncertain, EPA proposes the earliest practical effective date to allow manufacturers to finish transitioning their ENERGY STAR markings and product literature ahead of the most intense period of work in response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) standards.

In addition, a prompt response to the current high market share of ENERGY STAR dehumidifiers is important to maintaining the value of the mark as a differentiator of highly efficient products. For these reasons, EPA proposes an effective date reflecting our usual allowance for manufacturers to change marketing materials for those products which no longer meet ENERGY STAR requirements.

Submitting Comments

Stakeholders who wish to provide written comments may send them to dehumidifiers@energystar.gov by **January 18, 2016**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

To track EPA's progress in developing the ENERGY STAR Dehumidifiers specification, visit the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs (click on the Dehumidifiers Version 4.0 link).

EPA shares its Partners' desire for a smooth transition from one ENERGY STAR specification version to the next such that ENERGY STAR labeled products meet the latest requirements when they go into effect and that partners have time to transition their collateral material. With

this in mind and consistent with its approach for other product categories, EPA is sharing the following timeline for dehumidifiers:

- Effective upon completion of the Version 4.0 specification development process (expected January 25, 2016), manufacturers may elect to have their Certification Body (CB) certify their eligible products to the Version 4.0 requirements.
- On June 10, 2016, CBs will be instructed to stop certifying new product submittals to Version 3.0. Note, however, that existing certifications to Version 3.0 will remain valid for the purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification until October 25, 2016.
- Any product manufactured as of October 25, 2016 must meet the Version 4.0 requirements to bear the ENERGY STAR mark. All certifications of products to the Version 3.0 specification will be invalid for purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification and CBs will only submit product models certified to Version 4.0 to EPA.

Please direct any specific questions to Abigail Daken, EPA, at daken.abigail@epa.gov or 202-343-9375 and Sarah Medepalli, ICF International, at sarah.medepalli@icfi.com or 202-677-5201.

Thank you for taking the time to review this Draft document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Abigail Daken', written in dark ink.

Abigail Daken, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR for HVAC