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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Washers Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share the Version 7.1 ENERGY STAR Clothes Washers specification, which incorporates final connected criteria. With the publication of this final Version 7.1, residential clothes washers that offer connected capabilities, and meet the new requirements, can be identified as such on the ENERGY STAR Qualified Product List (QPL). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is continuing to work to develop an ENERGY STAR Demand Response test method for clothes washers. Once a final test method is released, manufacturers who certify residential clothes washer connected functionality using this test method will be able to apply the 5% energy allowance.

Based on stakeholder feedback on two proposals regarding demand response criteria EPA released following the publication of the final Version 7.0 Residential Clothes Washer specification, EPA has modified the exemptions from responding to a TALR signal under section 4.G2b as follows:

- b. *The product is not required to provide a response if the consumer selected wash cycle, as indicated in the product user documentation and/or on the product itself, is explicitly designed or primarily intended for:*
- *sanitization, such as those cycles in compliance with NSF Protocol P172 "Sanitization Performance of Residential and Commercial, Family-Sized Clothes Washers," or*
  - *allergen reduction, such as those cycles in compliance with NSF Protocol P351 "Allergen Reduction Performance of Residential and Commercial, Family-Sized Clothes Washers," or*
  - *laundering of hand-wash wool articles, such as those cycles in compliance with Woolmark Blue (formerly Gold) or Woolmark Green (formerly Platinum)*

*Note: EPA encourages products to provide Temporary Appliance Load Reduction responses in these cycles whenever consumer expectations would not be impacted.*

On behalf of EPA, I would like to thank all stakeholders who provided feedback during the development of the Demand Response criteria. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [fiffer.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:fiffer.melissa@epa.gov), 202-343-9494, or Sarah Medepalli, ICF International, at [sarah.medepalli@icfi.com](mailto:sarah.medepalli@icfi.com), 202-677-5201. Clothes Washer test method questions should be directed to Ashley Armstrong, DOE, at [Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov) or 202-586-6590. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Fiffer".

Melissa Fiffer, Product Manager  
ENERGY STAR Appliances