

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Data Center Storage Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sharing proposed changes to the Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR Data Center Storage Specification, which expand the scope of the program to include products that support File I/O storage functions either entirely or as an additional capability. EPA welcomes stakeholder input on this proposal, which will be reflected in a Version 1.1 specification once final. These proposed changes do not affect currently certified products. Currently certified products will not need to be retested to maintain their ENERGY STAR certification.

EPA has engaged in significant dialogue with stakeholders since the release of the Version 1.0 Data Center Storage specification. Along with the expansion of scope, EPA is updating the test method to accommodate the scope expansion, extending requirements to cover File I/O storage functions, and adding definitions for hot band and File I/O workloads. These discussions and a review of the market affirm that no other changes to this specification are warranted at this time.

EPA welcomes stakeholder input on the attached draft, Version 1.1 specification and the draft test method. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit any comments to storage@energystar.gov by February 1, 2018. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Specifications and meeting materials will be distributed via email and posted on the ENERGY STAR website. To track EPA's progress on this specification, please visit the product development website at www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs and navigate to "Data Center Storage."

Please contact me at Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov or 202-343-9153 or John Clinger, ICF, at John.Clinger@icf.com or (215) 967-9407 with questions or concerns. For any other Data Center Storage related questions, please contact storage@energystar.gov. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Fogle".

Ryan Fogle
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