



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

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Vending Machine Partner or Other Interested Party:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing the Final Draft, [Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine Product Specification](#). EPA appreciates the time and effort stakeholders have contributed to this specification development process. Any remaining comments on the Final Draft Version 4.0 product specification may be submitted via email to vendingmachines@energystar.gov by July 15, 2019. This specification is anticipated to take effect in April 29, 2020.

EPA received a limited set of comments on the Draft 2 and hosted a follow-on webinar and subsequent individual stakeholder meetings to ensure the Agency fully understood these comments. Comments reiterated concerns about the stringency of the proposed levels, placement restrictions for refrigerants under UL 541, and the effective date of the specification. The latest list of products in DOE's Compliance Certification Management System suggests that the industry is leveraging and implementing more advanced technologies and strategies allowing them to meet the proposed eligibility criteria by a significant margin. As such, EPA has retained the Draft 2 levels in this Final Draft. All comments and EPA's responses can be found in notebboxes throughout the Final Draft specification as well as the [comment response document](#) that accompanies this letter. EPA has also updated the [data package](#) for this specification to include the latest data available in DOE's CCMS.

Comment Submittal

Any remaining comments on the Final Draft Version 4.0 product specification may be submitted via email to vendingmachines@energystar.gov by July 15, 2019. All comments will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR Product Development website](#) unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The exchange of ideas and information between the 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 Product Development website.

Please contact me at Crk.Tanja@epa.gov or (202) 566-1037 with questions or concerns. For questions on the test method, please contact Stephanie Johnson at Stephanie.Johnson@ee.doe.gov or (202) 287-1943. For any other vending machine related questions, please contact vendingmachines@energystar.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanja Crk".

Tanja Crk, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR Commercial Food Service

Enclosures:

[Final Draft Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines Specification](#)
[Vending Machine Comment Response Document for Draft 2 Version 4.0](#)
[Data Packet Version 4.0 Final Draft](#)