



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Ventilating Fan Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received questions regarding scope of the Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR Residential Ventilating Fan specification which went into effect October 1, 2015. In response, EPA is making a modest clarification to the eligibility criteria language to make clear EPA's intention to focus exclusively on exhaust fans.

There has been some confusion in the industry on whether or not supply fans, particularly in line supply fans, are covered by ENERGY STAR. The updated Version 4.0 specification includes a clarification in Section 2B that supply fans are excluded from ENERGY STAR qualification, reflecting EPA's original intention to cover only exhaust fans. This clarification does not affect any currently qualified models. The updated Version 4.0 specification is now available on the ENERGY STAR website.

As building codes require tighter homes, EPA is aware of the value of balanced ventilation, where a controlled amount of outdoor air is introduced into the conditioned space through supply fans, while exhaust fans remove the equivalent amount of air from the house. Rather than include only in line supply fans in the current specification, EPA plans to evaluate all balanced ventilation products as a class, including supply fans, in order to understand the benefit of such products across the broad US housing stock and evaluate fit for a wider mix of ventilation fans in the ENERGY STAR program.

If you have any questions, please contact Abigail Daken at EPA, daken.abigail@epa.gov or (202) 343-9375.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abigail Daken", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Abigail Daken, Product Manager
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