



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

OFFICE OF  
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July 25, 2017

Dear ENERGY STAR® Residential Water Heaters Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending the ENERGY STAR Residential Water Heaters specification to correct the UEF criteria for electric water heaters, which were inadvertently converted to a value lower than the Federal minimum for some high draw pattern heaters larger than 55 gallons. The change is not expected to affect any certified products.

To remedy this situation, EPA is changing the 2.16 UEF requirement to 2.20 for all electric storage water heaters over 55 gallons. EPA is able to maintain a single requirement for all electric storage heaters over 55 gallons because all products on the market that would have met the 2.16 UEF requirement also meet the 2.20 UEF requirement, according to the AHRI directory and the DOE compliance certification database.

There are currently no electric water heaters certified to the UEF criteria in the current ENERGY STAR Version 3.1. Any electric water heater certifying as ENERGY STAR is expected to meet the criteria outlined in the amended Version 3.2 upon the date of its finalization.

Comments or concerns about this proposed change should be submitted by **August 8, 2017**, to [WaterHeaters@energystar.gov](mailto:WaterHeaters@energystar.gov). All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR water heater product development webpage unless the submitter requests otherwise. EPA expects to finalize this revision promptly after comments are received.

Please direct any specific questions to Abigail Daken at EPA, [Daken.Abigail@epa.gov](mailto:Daken.Abigail@epa.gov) or 202-343-9375 and Jacob Bayus at ICF, [Jacob.Bayus@icf.com](mailto:Jacob.Bayus@icf.com) or 202-791-8871. Please direct questions about test methods to Catherine Rivest at DOE, [Catherine.Rivest@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Catherine.Rivest@ee.doe.gov) or 202-586-7335.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abigail Daken".

Abigail Daken  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
ENERGY STAR HVAC Program