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Dear ENERGY STAR® Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing the final ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award criteria for a new 2021 product category: Residential Induction Cooking Tops. With this letter EPA is also extending the 2020 product category, Refrigerators with Advanced Adaptive Compressors, for another year.

After reviewing input from stakeholders, EPA has maintained the criteria presented in the initial draft that EPA released on January 13th. All documents associated with the development of the Residential Induction Cooking Tops criteria, including stakeholder comments, can be found on the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology for Industry Stakeholders webpage.

**Award Application Process**

Manufacturers with products that meet the Award criteria may immediately begin submitting the necessary documentation to emergingtech@energystar.gov for EPA review. Award-winning products will be recognized upon determination that all Award criteria have been satisfied. Note that multiple products are eligible for the Award. All recognized, Award-winning products will be listed on energystar.gov on the list of ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award winners for Residential Induction Cooking Tops.

**2020 Refrigerators with Advanced Adaptive Compressors Category**

This letter also serves as notice that EPA is extending recognition of the 2020 Award category – Refrigerators with Advanced Adaptive Compressors – into 2021. No changes to the criteria have been made for 2021. The performance criteria and list of award-winning products can be found on the Advanced Adaptive Compressors webpage.

If you have any questions about the Award, the criteria development process, or marketing and promotion of Award-winning products, please contact me, Peter Banwell, at banwell.peter@epa.gov and (202) 343-9408, or Emmy Feldman at emmy.feldman@icf.com and (202) 862-1145.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:  
Final Criteria for Residential Induction Cooking Tops