

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Dryer Stakeholders:

In order to ensure additional opportunity for public comment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a [revised ENERGY STAR Dryers Discussion Guide](#) and opening a new public comment period. Please provide any new or updated comments to appliances@energystar.gov by April 8, 2024. **Unless otherwise specified, EPA will consider comments previously submitted.**

The purpose of this discussion guide is to solicit public comment to further inform an ENERGY STAR Version 2 specification for the clothes dryer product category.

Since EPA last partnered with stakeholders to finalize the first ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer Specification that took effect January 1, 2015, the clothes dryer market has evolved significantly. Specifically, technological advances, most notably heat pumps, offer significant efficiency gains and new features and functions are available across all brands.

Per the ENERGY STAR Guiding Principles, EPA also works towards ensuring that consumers have a positive experience and association with ENERGY STAR certified products, ensuring there is not a trade off in performance while in pursuit of greater efficiency. Accordingly, and in follow up to [ENERGY STAR Version 1.1 Clothes Dryers Clarification Memo](#) (May 19, 2020), EPA is seeking to gain a better understanding of the user experience with dryers and how to ensure promised savings are delivered.

Comment Submittal:

The public is encouraged to provide written comments for EPA consideration to appliances@energystar.gov no later than April 8, 2024. As a reminder, all submitted comments will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR product development website](#) unless the submitter specifically requests their respective comments remain confidential.

Please contact me, Steve Leybourn, EPA, at Leybourn.Stephen@epa.gov or 202-564-1191, Fabria Jno. Baptiste, ICF, at Fabria.JnoBaptiste@icf.com or Payal Hukeri, ICF, at Payal.Hukeri@icf.com with questions or concerns. For any clothes dryer testing related

questions, please contact Carl Shapiro, DOE, at carl.shapiro@ee.doe.gov. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Leybourn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Steve Leybourn, Product Manager ENERGY STAR Appliances
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Enclosures:

[ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer Version 2.0 Specification Discussion Guide](#)