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



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Dear Escalator Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering the development of an ENERGY STAR® specification for escalators and moving walkways. This process will begin with the attached [Discussion Guide](#), which introduces the ENERGY STAR program and seeks input on potential scope for a Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR Escalator and Moving Walkway specification, identifies definitions, and describes the approach that is being considered.

ENERGY STAR is a voluntary partnership between government, businesses, and purchasers designed to encourage the manufacture, purchase, and use of efficient products to help protect the environment. Products that earn the ENERGY STAR label prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy efficiency guidelines set by EPA in consultation with stakeholders. To date:

- More than 90% of American households recognize the ENERGY STAR label,
- In 2017, more than 2000 manufacturers and 2000 retailers partnered with ENERGY STAR to make and sell millions of ENERGY STAR certified products across more than 75 residential and commercial product categories.
- Together, since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped save American families and businesses more than \$450 billion and over 3.5 trillion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity while also achieving broad emissions reductions—all through voluntary action.

Escalators and moving walkways in the U.S. consume a great deal of energy (estimated at 577 million kWh/year). While manufacturers have a number of energy-saving features at their disposal, which can save 25% or more per machine, end-users often do not consider the energy consumption of the product when making their purchase decision. The ENERGY STAR program is well-positioned to help bridge this gap by providing the means to raise awareness and incentivize efficiency in this space.

#### Stakeholder Webinar

EPA is holding a kickoff webinar on July 25, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM ET to discuss the development of an ENERGY STAR specification for Escalators and Moving Walkways. Please register [here](#) if you plan on attending.

#### Comment Submittal

EPA welcomes stakeholder input on the attached Discussion Guide. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit any comments to [escalators@energystar.gov](mailto:escalators@energystar.gov) by **August 10, 2018**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA and stakeholders is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Specifications and meeting materials will be distributed via email and posted on the ENERGY STAR website. To track EPA's progress on this specification, please visit the product development website at [https://energystar.gov/products/spec/escalators\\_pd](https://energystar.gov/products/spec/escalators_pd).

To be added to the ENERGY STAR escalator and moving walkway e-mail distribution list, please send your full contact information to [escalators@energystar.gov](mailto:escalators@energystar.gov).

Please contact me at [Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov](mailto:Fogle.Ryan@epa.gov) or 202-343-9153 or John Clinger, ICF, at [John.Clinger@icf.com](mailto:John.Clinger@icf.com) or 215-967-9407

with specific questions or concerns. For any other general escalator or moving walkway related questions, please contact [escalators@energystar.gov](mailto:escalators@energystar.gov). Thank you for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures  
[Discussion Guide](#)

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