

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



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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Washer Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share the final Version 8.0 ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer specification. EPA appreciates the constructive collaboration of stakeholders in developing this specification. These Version 8.0 requirements will take effect on February 5, 2018. This letter provides highlights of the new requirements and outlines the transition process.

The Version 8.0 specification will recognize the top performing residential and commercial clothes washers. ENERGY STAR certified residential clothes washers will use, on average, approximately 28% less energy and 33% less water than required by minimum efficiency standards effective in 2018. If all residential and commercial clothes washers sold in the United States were ENERGY STAR certified, the cost savings would grow to more than \$3.3 billion each year and more than 19 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions would be prevented, equivalent to the emissions from over 1.8 million vehicles.

The criteria remain unchanged from the Final Draft. EPA received a few comments on the definition for residential clothes washer with supplementary wash system. Two commenters expressed support for the addition. One commenter inquired about the labeling of these products. EPA will work with manufacturers certifying products to ensure that the marketing materials are clear for consumers.

Version 8.0 Transition Timeline and Next Steps:

EPA shares partners' desire for a smooth transition from one ENERGY STAR specification version to the next so that consumer expectations are met and ENERGY STAR labeled products fully meet the new requirements upon their effective date. With this in mind, EPA has established the following timeline:

- Effective immediately, manufacturers may elect to have their Certification Body (CB) certify eligible products to the Version 8.0 requirements.
- After October 5, 2017, CBs will be instructed to stop certifying new product submittals to Version 7.1. Note, however, that existing certifications to Version 7.1 will remain valid for the purposes of ENERGY STAR certification until February 5, 2018.
- Any clothes washer manufactured as of February 5, 2018, must meet the Version 8.0 requirements to bear the ENERGY STAR mark. All certifications of products to the Version 7.1 specification will be invalid for purposes of ENERGY STAR and CBs will only submit product models certified to Version 8.0 to EPA.

On behalf of EPA, I would like to thank all stakeholders who provided feedback during this specification revision process and I look forward to working with you as you certify and market your ENERGY STAR certified clothes washers. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at Fiffer.Melissa@epa.gov, 202 343-9464 or Steve Leybourn, ICF, at Steve.Leybourn@icf.com or (202) 862-1566. Please direct questions on Clothes Washer test methods to Ashley Armstrong, DOE, Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov or (202) 586-6590. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Fiffer".

Melissa Fiffer, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR Appliances