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Dear ENERGY STAR® Partners and other Stakeholders:

In follow-up to our recent process to establish ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria for 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to maintain 2020 Most Efficient criteria into 2021 for dishwashers and to suspend recognition for televisions. These proposals were delayed as we awaited further progress on ENERGY STAR specification revisions for these categories, which will continue into 2021.

**ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2021 Dishwasher Proposal**

As of November 2020, 103 models (31 base models) from 9 ENERGY STAR partners meet the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2020 recognition criteria for dishwashers. EPA proposes to maintain the current criteria for dishwashers into 2021 as the criteria continue to recognize top performance. These criteria require an annual energy use of <240 kWh/yr and water consumption of <3.2 gallons per cycle for standard-sized models. Additionally, products must meet a per cycle Cleaning Index of a minimum of 70 for each test cycle (heavy, medium, and light).

The graph below is included to provide additional context regarding the basis of this proposal. Data for the graph below is from the ENERGY STAR Qualified Products List for dishwashers.
Proposed Suspension of ENERGY STAR Most Efficient Recognition for Televisions in 2021

Five models from four ENERGY STAR partners meet the 2020 recognition criteria for TVs. The Version 9.0 specification development effort, which is currently underway, proposes a new performance-based approach to establishing criteria. The new approach varies significantly from the Version 8.0 approach, which has been the basis for the Most Efficient criteria for TVs since 2019. With this movement to performance-based criteria underway but not complete, EPA is unable to establish meaningful Most Efficient criteria for TVs for 2021. Further, the very limited participation in ENERGY STAR Most Efficient for TVs in 2020 argues against extending the current criteria in 2021.

Stakeholder Comments and Feedback

Stakeholder feedback on this proposal may be provided no later than January 21, 2021 to MostEfficient@energystar.gov.

Please contact Ga-Young Park, 202-564-1085 or Park.Ga-Young@epa.gov or Steve Leybourn, 202-862-1566 or Steve.Leybourn@icf.com for questions on the proposed dishwasher criteria. For questions on TVs, please contact James Kwon, 202-564-8538 or Kwon.James@epa.gov, or Emmy Feldman, 202-862-1146 or Emmy.Feldman@icf.com. For questions about the DOE test method for dishwashers, contact Bryan Berringer, bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov or 202-586-0371. For TV test method questions, contact Jeremy Dommu, jeremy.dommu@ee.doe.gov or 202-586-9870.

Thank you for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,