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Dear ENERGY STAR® Residential Dishwasher Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share the [ENERGY STAR Version 7.0 Residential Dishwasher Draft 2 specification](#). EPA encourages stakeholders to provide comments on this draft via email to appliances@energystar.gov by February 24, 2022. There will be a [webinar](#) on February 16, 2022 to discuss this Draft 2 specification. The comment period has been extended to accommodate webinar scheduling.

EPA appreciates stakeholders' feedback on the Draft 1 specification. EPA's responses to stakeholder feedback are reflected in the accompanying [Draft 1 Comment Response Matrix](#). Highlights of key changes in the Draft 2 specification are summarized below, and the rationale for these proposed changes are discussed in note boxes throughout the specification.

First, EPA is maintaining the proposed revisions to the minimum energy and water efficiency requirements for residential dishwashers proposed in Draft 1. The current ENERGY STAR market share is near 100%, which showcases the need for more stringent criteria for the program to recognize leadership products in efficiency.

Additionally, instead of referencing cleaning index as part of the specification's scope, and in light of [DOE's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the test procedure for dishwashers](#), EPA is including the per-cycle cleaning index for the normal cycle for ENERGY STAR certification. The inclusion of the per-cycle cleaning index is consistent with EPA's commitment to ensuring that the label is associated with products that deliver energy efficiency without compromising performance.

While EPA continues to support the connected criteria for ENERGY STAR certified dishwashers, EPA is removing the connected adder to the maximum for Annual Energy Consumption for demand response capable residential dishwashers. EPA believes the consumer value of connected appliances remains and that the market will reward the best implementations. Further, with diminishing returns for efficiency for dishwashers, providing a connected adder is not in the best interest of the consumer.

Stakeholders are requested to provide any comments on the Version 7.0 Draft 2 specification **no later than February 24, 2021**. Please send comments via e-mail to appliances@energystar.gov. All comments received will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR Residential Dishwashers Version 7.0 Specification Development webpage](#), unless the submitter specifically requests that his or her comments remain confidential.

Please contact Ga-Young Park, EPA, at Park.Ga-Young@epa.gov or (202) 564-1085, or Steve Leybourn, ICF, at Steve.Leybourn@icf.com or (202) 862-1566, with any questions or concerns about the specification. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ga-Young Park". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ga-Young Park
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ENERGY STAR for Residential Dishwashers

Enclosures:

ENERGY STAR Residential Dishwashers Version 7.0 Draft 2 Specification
ENERGY STAR Residential Dishwashers Version 7.0 Draft 1 Comment Response Matrix