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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Washer Manufacturers, ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer Manufacturers, and Other Interested Parties,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing the [ENERGY STAR Version 8.1 Clothes Washer specification](#). This amendment expands the scope to enable combination all-in-one washer-dryers with air-only drying to earn the ENERGY STAR. This update does not affect currently certified products. Manufacturers may certify combination all-in-one washer-dryer products meeting the requirements of this amendment immediately upon this publication.

With this amendment, EPA both expanded the scope of the ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer specification to include combination all-in-one washer-dryers with air-only drying products and established tailored ENERGY STAR requirements for this special product type. Combination all-in-one washer-dryers must meet the relevant ENERGY STAR washer criteria and ENERGY STAR dryer criteria (excluding the cycle time requirement) and will be listed as certified on the ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer Product Finder. Combination all-in-one washer-dryer products will continue to be listed as an excluded product type under the ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer specification.

All stakeholder-submitted comments agreed with EPA's overall proposal. These comments are summarized in the [comment response document](#), along with the Agency's responses. EPA thanks stakeholders for their comments in support of this amendment.

All materials related to this amendment are posted on the [ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer Version 8 development page](#). Please direct any specific questions to Ga-Young Park at [Park.Ga-Young@epa.gov](mailto:Park.Ga-Young@epa.gov) or (202) 564-1085, or Steve Leybourn at [Steve.Leybourn@icf.com](mailto:Steve.Leybourn@icf.com) or (202) 862-1566.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ga-Young Park".

Ga-Young Park  
Product Manager for Appliances  
ENERGY STAR Labeled Products

Enclosures:

[ENERGY STAR Version 8.1 Clothes Washer Final Specification](#)  
[ENERGY STAR Version 8.1 Clothes Washer Draft Specification Comment Response Document](#)