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Dear ENERGY STAR® Water Heaters Stakeholders,

**Breaking news!** Stakeholders have an in-person opportunity to talk about the details of potential connected criteria for ENERGY STAR water heaters at the 2019 Hot Water Forum.

EPA is in the process of proposing optional connected criteria for Water Heaters in the forthcoming Version 3.3 specification revision. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the ENERGY STAR Water Heaters Draft Connected Criteria Stakeholder Meeting on March 11, 2019, from 7:45 to 10:45am CT, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown in Nashville, TN, just prior to the [2019 ACEEE Hot Water Forum](#).

Bring your own breakfast and join us for an engaging discussion of the following aspects of potential connected criteria:

1. Operational Mode reporting: on-product displays and communication link transmission to consumers and third parties.
2. Demand response: application layer on-site translation, open access, and consumer override.
3. DR Operational Modes: peak load reduction, spinning reserves, thermal storage, and frequency balancing.
4. Methods to test DR response.

Please RSVP to [WaterHeaters@energystar.gov](mailto:WaterHeaters@energystar.gov) by **March 6, 2019** if you plan to attend in person. Last-minute RSVPs may be able to attend depending on seating restrictions. Stakeholders can also participate via webinar; if you plan to do so, register [here](#). Any questions regarding this meeting can be directed to [WaterHeaters@energystar.gov](mailto:WaterHeaters@energystar.gov). For more information regarding potential connected criteria, including for Water Heaters, visit the [Connected Criteria for ENERGY STAR Products](#) development page.

Thank you for your support of the ENERGY STAR program. See you in Nashville.

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