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Dear ENERGY STAR® Water Coolers Partner:

The following is a clarification of the ENERGY STAR energy use reporting requirements for Water Coolers. The relevant text may be found in Section 4 of the "ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Bottled Water Coolers" document.

While EPA allows you, the manufacturer, to test your own products for energy use, it also expects that energy consumption reporting precisely reflects the test results to two decimal places following standard rounding rules. This means that decimals 0 thru 4 are rounded down, while 5 thru 9 are rounded up. E.g.) 0.145 kW-hours/day is reported as 0.15, and 0.144 kW-hours/day is reported as 0.14.

EPA uses energy usage data from models that are currently ENERGY STAR qualified to develop future revisions to the specification. Having accurate data on file is thus very important to this process.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fanara", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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