

ENERGY STAR® is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program helping businesses and individuals fight global warming through superior energy efficiency.

Dear EPA-Recognized Certification Body,

The purpose of this email is to remind you that all ENERGY STAR® models qualified through EPA prior to January 1, 2011 under the ENERGY STAR product categories listed below must be registered with an EPA-recognized Certification Body (CB) by March 31, 2011 to remain qualified. Since EPA is not anticipating near-term specification changes for these products, the purpose of registering these models is to ensure that they are subject to verification testing by CBs. The eight ENERGY STAR product categories to which this applies are:

Commercial Steam Cookers
Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers
Commercial Griddles (Gas)
Central Air Conditioners & Air Source Heat Pumps
Geothermal Heat Pumps (Water-to-Water)
Light Commercial HVAC
Roof Products
Room Air Cleaners

In order to maintain models on the Qualified Product Lists identified on the <u>Find ENERGY STAR</u> <u>Products page</u> of <u>energystar.gov</u>, ENERGY STAR partners will need to submit the following information to their CB:

A list of previously-qualified models that they wish to keep qualified and are willing to subject to verification testing

Any additional information necessary to complete the associated Certified Product Data Submission Form (Data Templates)

Concurrent with this message, EPA has sent instructions to the ENERGY STAR partners of concern to submit this required information to their CBs by March 31. To ensure the integrity of this process, it is imperative that CBs confirm that the model information and associated data submitted for registering the product are the same as what appears on EPA's ENERGY STAR Qualified Products List.

## Timeframe for Registering Previously Qualified Products with CBs

**Effective Immediately** CBs should start collecting information from ENERGY STAR partners on products in these categories that they choose to register for continued qualification. It is important that CBs not start reporting information on these models to EPA until modified Data Templates are available.

**March 1, 2011** Qualified Product Lists update. Prior to March 1st, ENERGY STAR qualified product lists may be missing product models from manufacturers who were late in committing to the new certification requirements.

March 1 - March 11, 2011 EPA will provide CBs with revised Data Templates that can be used to report models that have been registered, but not certified. The key change to these templates will be the ability to leave the field "Laboratory OID" blank since labs were not required to be recognized by EPA prior to January 1, 2010.

March 11, 2011 CBs may upload new data templates to EPA that contain information on the previously

qualified models in the nine relevant product categories.

**After March 31, 2011** CBs may no longer register previously qualified models and must certify them if manufacturers wish to maintain their qualification status.

**April 10, 2011** CBs must include all "registered" models in the Data Templates and upload them to EPA.

**April 15, 2011** Updated Qualified Product Lists for these eight product categories will only show previously qualified models that have been registered and uploaded by CBs.

If you or other members of your organization have any questions or concerns about this procedure, please contact us at <a href="mailto:Certification@energystar.gov">Certification@energystar.gov</a>. Thank you for your support of the ENERGY STAR program.

## For more information, visit: www.energystar.gov

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