



ENERGY STAR Product Development Update



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Factors for Criteria Development



- Significant energy savings
- No impact on product performance
- Price premium can be recovered
- Several technology options can achieve criteria setting (one of which is non-proprietary)
- Energy consumption can be quantified
- Label differentiates products and is visible to purchasers

Clothes Washers



- DOE held a stakeholder meeting for proposed clothes washer criteria revisions on August 31st.
- The meeting included discussions of new Modified Energy Factor levels and the possible inclusion of a maximum water consumption factor.
- Comments should be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy by October 15.
- Agenda, presentations and meeting notes are posted on the "*Specifications in Development*" section of the ENERGY STAR website.

Room Air Conditioners



- ENERGY STAR Criteria will be expanded to include units with a reverse cycle or heat-pump heating function.
- Models with electric resistance heat only will not be included.
- The official announcement and analysis will be released soon.

Package Terminal Air Conditioners (PTACS)



- Upon completion of the room air conditioner expansion, an analysis will be completed on PTACs.
- Since there is currently no federal standard, the PTAC criteria will be modeled on the ASHRAE 90.1 Standard.
- Preliminary analysis and request for comments will be released by the end of 2004.

Dishwashers



- National retail sales data shows that ENERGY STAR qualified dishwashers currently represent 74% of sales.
- New DOE test procedure that includes a separate soil-sensor method, has been in effect for a year.
- DOE will complete an analysis of the dishwasher market to determine if a criteria change is warranted at this time.

Refrigerators/Freezers



- No changes anticipated at this time.

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