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- 1. Increased Transparency & Confidentiality.** None of us want to put our proprietary information at risk and the EPA recognizes that. Sound measures are in place for our protection because without our data, it can be very difficult to assess cost effectiveness and market penetration. Quanex applauds the EPA for taking this concern seriously and providing reliable data to assess cost impact vs energy savings benefits.
- 2. Review Process.** Quanex supports sunseting specifications when building code reaches the same level of performance, there is not much value in a recognition program like ENERGY STAR.
- 3. Cost Effectiveness.** Probably the most controversial topic in the Version 6.0 revision process was measuring cost effectiveness. Can window manufacturers isolate the real incremental costs of improving energy efficiency? How should incremental costs be evaluated against efficiency improvements and energy savings? What is a reasonable payback period for the consumer? Quanex supports this approach and would potentially participate in data collection on window and door components.

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