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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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February 22, 2023

Dear ENERGY STAR® Set-Top Box Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing the sunset of the ENERGY STAR specification for Set-Top Boxes (STB) and the Set-Top Box Service Provider Partnership, effective September 29, 2023.

In response to EPA's proposal to sunset the ENERGY STAR specification for Set-Top Boxes and the Set-Top Box Service Provider partnership, EPA received one set of supportive comments. The comments agreed with EPA that the relevance and usage of set-top boxes has drastically declined over the years since EPA began recognizing efficiency leadership in these products. The market shift to lower energy using alternatives to accessing content, enables EPA to sunset the ENERGY STAR Set-Top Box specification and Set-Top Box Service Provider partnership. Further, EPA expects, and stakeholders agreed, that the Set-Top Box Energy Use Voluntary Agreement will prevent backsliding in efficiency gains.

**Milestones for Sunsetting ENERGY STAR Set-Top Box Products and the Set-Top Box Service Provider Partnership**

The sunset will proceed consistent with the following milestones:

- ENERGY STAR certified set-top box products and their brand owners as well as ENERGY STAR Service Provider partners will continue to be recognized at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) until September 29, 2023.
- No new Partnership Agreements for the Set-Top Box program will be accepted by EPA as of February 22, 2023.
- No new Set-Top Box product certifications will be accepted by EPA as of March 31, 2023.
- Manufacturers and Service Provider Partners must stop using the ENERGY STAR name and ENERGY STAR mark in association with all Set-Top Box products manufactured and services offered on or after September 29, 2023.
- In order to be in compliance by September 29, 2023, manufacturers of Set-Top Box products and Set-Top Box Service Provider partners are encouraged to remove ENERGY STAR references on web sites or in other collateral materials as these materials are reprinted or changed in the coming months.

Partners are permitted to use up existing printed material, including packaging, in order to minimize waste.

Partners who have any questions or want to discuss their plans to discontinue labeling may contact [STBs@energystar.gov](mailto:STBs@energystar.gov). In closing, EPA appreciates the efforts of all set-top box stakeholders to advance a cleaner environment through the ENERGY STAR Program and applauds your success in moving the market towards greater energy efficiency.

Sincerely,



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