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Dear ENERGY STAR® Audio/Video Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking your early input on the revision of the ENERGY STAR Audio/Video specification. Version 3.0 has been in effect since May 2013 and, since then, market share for key audio/video products has grown significantly. For example, in 2015, nearly 5 million ENERGY STAR certified Blu-ray players shipped, reflecting a 60% market share that continues to grow. With this revision, EPA seeks to recognize innovations in efficiency in audio/video products, most notably sound bars and Blu-ray players. This letter and accompanying discussion guide highlight a list of areas of interest for this specification revision and key questions for stakeholders. EPA looks forward to working with stakeholders to develop the Version 4.0 specification.

The following include EPA's priorities for the Version 4.0 revision:

- New efficiency opportunities for audio/video products
- Amplifier efficiency and wireless testing
- New product types
- Treatment of multiple enclosure products

EPA welcomes stakeholder suggestions on any other issues to be considered during the Version 4.0 specification revision process, especially on those topics raised in the discussion guide. Please submit any comments to audiovideo@energystar.gov by **July 26, 2017**.

EPA will host a webinar to answer any questions on this discussion guide on **Monday, July 17, 2017 from 1 – 3:30 PM Eastern Time**. Please register [here](#) if you plan on attending. To track EPA's progress on this specification, please visit the product development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and navigate to "Audio/Video."

Please contact me at Radulovic.Verena@epa.gov or (202) 343-9845, or Emmy Feldman at ICF at Emmy.Feldman@icf.com or (202) 862-1145, with any questions or concerns. For test method questions, also contact Jeremy Dommu, Jeremy.Dommu@EE.Doe.Gov. For any other audio/video related questions, please contact audiovideo@energystar.gov. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Verena Radulovic".

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Enclosures:
Audio Video Discussion Document