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Dear Dehumidifier Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

In response to industry comments on the *Draft 1* residential dehumidifier specification, EPA has developed a *Final Draft* specification for your review (see attached). The four-page document outlines the main criteria that manufacturers' products will need to meet in order to qualify for the ENERGY STAR label. The final draft specification and this cover letter will also be available on the ENERGY STAR web site at <http://www.epa.gov/appdstar/dehumidifiers> in the next several days.

The final draft specification for residential dehumidifiers is not substantively different from the proceeding draft. EPA made the following key changes in the final draft in response to industry feedback:

- 1) Qualifying Products – a category for high capacity dehumidifiers (products with daily water-removal capacities up to 57 Liters) has been added to incorporate these products into the specification.
- 2) Specifications – a) the upper limit of the third capacity bin for standard capacity dehumidifiers has been increased to 35 L/day, and b) a new table (Table 2) has been added containing the specification for high capacity dehumidifiers.
- 3) Effective Date – EPA has moved up the specification's effective date to November 1, 2000.

We encourage you to review the final draft specification and provide comments by October 6, 2000. Comments should be sent to me via e-mail at <mailto:hershberg.craig@epa.gov> or by phone at 202-564-1251. Please note that for personal reasons Marla Sanchez has been out of the office for the past several weeks. During her continued absence, I will be managing her responsibilities on the development of this specification. We apologize for the delay in sending this final draft to you and appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review this draft specification. The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. For more information about ENERGY STAR and specifically Residential Dehumidifiers, please visit our web site at www.energystar.gov and click on "Products in Development." You can also contact me directly by phone or e-mail with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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