

ENERGY STAR[®] Commercial Food Service Newsletter—Fall 2019

ENERGY STAR Day 2019

The ENERGY STAR CFS team would like to thank partners for their participation in ENERGY STAR Day! This was the inaugural year CFS had its own ENERGY STAR Day initiative with CFS inspired images and promotional messaging. We are excited to engage the CFS industry again on the next ENERGY STAR Day. Stay tuned for other promotional opportunities throughout the year!

ENERGY STAR Participation in Parts Town Webinar

EPA's ENERGY STAR program experts were featured in Parts Town's FREE webinar, *Going Green: The Benefits of a Commercial Kitchen* on Tuesday, November 19th 2019. A recording of the webinar can be found, <u>here</u>. Please check it out to learn about the benefits of using the ENERGY STAR program and how it can help cut down on energy consumption and operational costs in your commercial kitchen or facility.

Dealer & Distributor Locator

Do you work with a dealer or distributor that sells your ENERGY STAR certified products? Make sure they are listed on our Dealer & Distributor Locator. This online tool directs customers seeking ENERGY STAR commercial food service equipment to a retail partner's storefront or website. To use this tool, customers enter their zip code and the search engine generates a map and list of the nearest dealers and distributors, including their contact information, address, and website. We recommend CFS retail partners take advantage of this resource to promote their partnership with ENERGY STAR and to encourage sales of ENERGY STAR certified products.

The Dealer/Distributor Store Locator can be found on ENERGY STAR's website, here.

Dealers and distributors interested in becoming ENERGY STAR retail partners can find more information, <u>here</u>. ENERGY STAR retail partners that would like to add storefront(s), or website, to this tool, can complete the Google Form, <u>here</u>.

MESA Accounts

The ENERGY STAR CFS Team encourages partners to check the new My ENERGY STAR Accounts (MESA) platform and confirm the contact information on file is accurate. Updating MESA profiles ensures the program has the correct contacts for outreach and mass mailer notifications. MESA profiles can be accessed <u>here</u>. Contact ENERGY STAR <u>here</u> if you have any questions about using the new MESA account.

Specification Updates

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regularly updates ENERGY STAR product specifications. For every specification, product performance data submissions from partners are foundational to the process. Proposed efficiency levels tend to be based on the performance of existing certified models as well as data offered by manufacturers and other stakeholders during the specification process. Establishing requirements that reflect the performance of the highest efficiency models available sometimes requires going beyond the data at hand and anticipating the market. To this end, EPA relies on insights shared by stakeholders and partners to help the Agency anticipate important trends in the market. For more information on EPA's SOP for ENERGY STAR specification setting click <u>here</u>.

The following information includes some helpful reminders as you prepare for upcoming specification changes and manage your inventory of ENERGY STAR certified products.

Recent and upcoming specification activities include:

• ENERGY STAR Commercial Dishwashers Draft 2 Version 3.0:

EPA released the ENERGY STAR Commercial Dishwashers Version 3.0 Draft 2 specification on October 10, 2019 and the comment deadline passed on November 7, 2019. The Version 3.0 specification proposes the introduction of a wash energy metric, amendments to the current ENERGY STAR criteria levels, scope changes, and updates to the referenced test methods. The next draft is expected for publication and comment this winter. For more information on activities performed to date in preparation for this revision, please visit the product development webpage, <u>here</u>.

Contact <u>commercialdishwashers@energystar.gov</u> with any questions or comments.

ENERGY STAR Water Coolers Discussion Guide

EPA released the ENERGY STAR Water Coolers Version 3.0 discussion guide on November 14, 2019. A webinar was held on December 5, 2019 to seek input from stakeholders on key topics including energy savings potential, test method scope considerations, clarifying definitions and scope, alternative refrigerants and foams, and data assembly. Feedback and relevant data can be sent to <u>watercoolers@energystar.gov</u> and will be accepted through December 19, 2019.

• ENERGY STAR Commercial Ovens Draft 1 Version 3.0

ENERGY STAR Commercial Ovens Draft 1 V3.0 development is underway with anticipated release this winter. As part of a separate but related effort, ENERGY STAR is scoping induction stovetop technology, please contact <u>commercialovens@energystar.gov</u> for details.

For more information regarding the ENERGY STAR specification process or additional CFS equipment updates, visit <u>energystar.gov/productdevelopment</u>.



North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers

The ENERGY STAR CFS team participates in NAFEM's monthly Hot Side/Cold Side calls! The Hot Side portion of the call covers issues in food prep, primary cooking and warewashing and the Cold Side portion covers issues and actions relative to commercial refrigeration equipment. Please join the next call on January 9th, 2020 at 12 PM EST/11am CST. For additional information, send an email to info@nafem.org.



The ENERGY STAR CFS team will be attending Foodservice Consultants Society International's (FCSI) Austin Conference May 1-2, 2020! Escape to a weekend experience that combines foodservice knowledge with interactive sessions. During the Conference, the ENERGY STAR team aims to engage with design consultants, operators, and marketing experts among others to learn more about commercial kitchen design trends. Event information can be found on the conference webpage, <u>here</u>.



The ENERGY STAR CFS team will be attending the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show! The NRA Show will be held May 16-19 in Chicago, IL and is the place to explore everything that's happening in the hospitality industry, from food and beverage trends, to emerging technology. Additional information can be found on the event webpage, <u>here</u>. Stay tuned for details about the ENERGY STAR commercial food service workshop taking place during the Show!

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