

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Washer Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

In response to a stakeholder request, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing additional opportunity for comment on our clarification limiting commercial clothes washer eligibility not more than 6.0 cubic feet under the Version 6.0 ENERGY STAR specification.

Although we initially framed this clarification as a change to the commercial clothes washer definition, the Agency found, after reviewing stakeholder comments, that it would be clearer to limit the capacity of clothes washers for ENERGY STAR purposes via the scope. EPA believes that including the maximum capacity in the scope better clarifies that the capacity limit applies to both residential and commercial clothes washers, consistent with the Department of Energy test procedure that both are subject to.

The relevant section of the ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer specification is provided below:

2) **Scope:**

A. Included Products: Products with a clothes container volume that is not more than 6.0 cubic feet and that meet the definition of a residential clothes washer or commercial clothes washer as specified herein are eligible for ENERGY STAR qualification, with the exception of products listed in Section 2.B

Please provide any comments via email to appliances@energystar.gov no later than February 15, 2013. Specific questions may be directed to Katharine Kaplan at EPA, kaplan.katharine@epamail.epa.gov or (202) 343-9120 or Ryan Fogle, D&R International, at rfogle@drintl.com or (301) 588-9387. Please direct questions on the Clothes Washer test method to Ashley Armstrong, DOE, at Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov or (202) 586-6590.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

Katharine Kaplan,
Manager, ENERGY STAR Product Development and Program Administration