



To: Amanda Stevens

Program Manager, Home Appliances

Energy Star Labeled Products

United States Environmental Protection Agency

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Dear Amanda Stevens,

Thank you for listening to our comments as stakeholders participating in the making of the New Energy Star Clothes Dryer Specifications over the last several years. The Advanced Clothes Dryer Award has been a very positive step towards more efficient clothes dryers.

In reviewing the final eligibility requirements, it is shown that indirectly heated dryer systems such as ours (Hybridry, Website: [www.hybridry.com](http://www.hybridry.com)) are not included in your Table 1: Base CEF but are not excluded as well. This technology will still be accepted in the gas category.

We would also like to note that the 80 minute drying time is reasonable, but short. However, as you have noted, it will not preclude new energy saving technologies, including heat pump dryers. I would like to add that heat pump dryers are common in Europe, as are condensing ventless dryers, where energy consumption is important as well. A new recent technology becoming evident in Europe is the water heated dryer using waste heat available from district heating or combined heat and power generation.

It is evident in your final draft that you are opening the possibilities for change due to the rapid changes in technology which we applaud.

Sincerely,

Robert and Sarah Zielewicz