



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Water Cooler Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are pleased to share with you the attached Final Draft ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method. DOE and EPA received stakeholder comments on the Draft 2 ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method and have made minor modifications in response to these comments. DOE and EPA anticipate finalizing the test method by the end of July. Once this test method is finalized, EPA will work with stakeholders to revise the ENERGY STAR Eligibility Criteria, beginning with a data assembly effort that will inform Draft 1 of the Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR Water Cooler specification. EPA will provide stakeholders with the data fields that the Agency will be analyzing to propose Draft 1 levels.

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments on the proposed test method via email to watercoolers@energystar.gov **no later than July 20, 2012**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Schedule

Next steps in development and finalization of the Water Cooler Test Method are as follows:

Tuesday, July 3, 2012	Distribution of Proposed Final Draft Water Cooler Test Method
Friday, July 20, 2012	Stakeholder Comment Period closes
End of July 2012	Final Water Cooler Test Method Distributed; EPA begins data assembly

To follow EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler specification, visit the ENERGY STAR Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and click on "Water Coolers".

Please direct any specific questions about the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler specification or data assembly effort to Paul Karaffa at EPA, karaffa.paul@epa.gov or (202) 343-9401 or Dave Beavers, The CADMUS Group, at david.beavers@cadmusgroup.com or (617) 921-4871. Please direct questions about the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method to Bryan Berringer at DOE, bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov or (202) 586-0371.

Thank you for taking the time to review this draft test method. DOE and EPA look forward to working with you over the coming weeks to finalize the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method.

Sincerely,

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