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Dear ENERGY STAR® Water Cooler Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to inform you that the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Water Cooler specification has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the Version 2.0 requirements, which will take effect on February 1, 2014.

These new ENERGY STAR requirements will provide significant savings to consumers. If all water coolers sold in the United States met them, the energy cost savings would grow to nearly \$65 million each year and nearly 860 million pounds of annual greenhouse gas emissions would be prevented, equivalent to the emissions from more than 80,000 vehicles. Water coolers that earn the ENERGY STAR will be, on average, about 20 percent more energy efficient than standard models.

Two minor changes were made in finalizing the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Water Cooler specification:

- A section of test method notes was moved from the specification to the Test Method (Rev. May-2013), to improve the organization of test method instructions.
- As "Cold only and Cook and Cold units – Bottom Loading" must meet the same criteria as "Cold only and Cook and Cold units" these categories are now combined under the header "Cold only and Cook and Cold units." The previous definition for Bottom Loading water coolers has also been removed.

The Final Version 2.0 Eligibility Criteria and existing Partner Commitments are attached for your reference. Previous draft proposals, supporting analyses, and stakeholder comments are available on the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspeccs (click on the 'Water Coolers Version 2.0' link).

Effective Date and Transition Timeline

EPA shares its partners' desire for a smooth transition from one ENERGY STAR specification version to the next with the objective of meeting consumer expectations that ENERGY STAR labeled products meet the latest requirements. With this in mind, EPA has established the following timeline:

- Effective immediately, manufacturers may elect to have their Certification Body (CB) certify their eligible products to the Version 2.0 requirements.
- On **October 1, 2013** CBs will be asked to stop certifying new product submittals to the existing ENERGY STAR Version 1.3 specification requirements. Note, however, that existing certifications to Version 1.3 will remain valid for the purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification until January 31, 2014.
- As of February 1, 2014 any product manufactured and labeled as ENERGY STAR must meet the Version 2.0 requirements. At this time, all certifications of products to the Version 1.3 specification will be invalid for purposes of ENERGY STAR qualification and CBs will only submit product models certified to Version 2.0 to EPA.

Third-Party Certification

Manufacturers are reminded that as of January 1, 2011 all new products must be certified by an EPA-recognized CB before being labeled and marketed as ENERGY STAR. Upon satisfactory completion of all certification requirements, a CB will notify the Partner that the product is ENERGY STAR qualified and will submit qualified product data to EPA for listing on the ENERGY STAR website. For more information on the Third-party Certification program please visit www.energystar.gov/3rdpartycert.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and promote your energy-efficient equipment. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at karaffa.paul@epa.gov or (202) 343-9401. Questions regarding the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method (Rev. May-2013) can be directed to Bryan Berringer, DOE, at bryan.berringer@ee.doe.gov or (202) 586-0371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Karaffa', written in a cursive style.

Paul Karaffa, Product Manager
ENERGY STAR for Water Coolers