

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting comments in response to the June 22, 2011 letter sent to Energy Star dehumidifier stakeholders regarding the Draft 2 ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Dehumidifier specification. I represent Therma-Stor LLC. Therma-Stor has been designing and manufacturing dehumidifiers in the large (>75pint/day) category in Madison, Wisconsin for over 20 years.

I believe that the decision to consolidate the categories of dehumidifiers (<75pint/day) is sound and will encourage consumers to purchase the most energy efficient models regardless of the stated water removal capacity. I support the 1.9 EF requirement for the < 75 pint/day dehumidifiers and the 2.8 EF requirement for the 75 < 185 pint/day dehumidifiers.

I believe the revised definition of a whole house dehumidifier is accurate and provides differentiation from the stand alone dehumidifier definition. I support the alignment of the other definitions with DOE definitions; this will eliminate confusion for manufacturers of dehumidifiers and test agencies that provide test and validation services.

I support the addition of the requirement allowing units that employ a remote humidistat control to qualify for energy star as many whole house dehumidifiers employ remote controls.

I support the harmonization of test standards and procedures between Energy Star and DOE. This will make reporting and qualification easier and quicker for manufacturers of dehumidifiers and test agencies that provide test and reporting services. The new effective date of October 1, 2012 does not cause concern for my company.

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