

ITI-JEITA-JBMIA-EPA Workshop on Improving ENERGY STAR® Data for Imaging Equipment July 9, 2014

On July 9, 2014 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA), Japan Business Machine Industry Association (JBMIA), and ENERGY STAR Certification Bodies Keystone Certifications and Met Labs held a workshop to work collaboratively on methods for ensuring the integrity of the ENERGY STAR® imaging equipment qualified product database. Ease of use by various stakeholders, particularly customers was also a priority. Participants further discussed how to ensure datasets used for future specification development are accurate and robust, and anticipated future technology opportunities and challenges.

Workshop Results

Key learnings from the workshop included:

- A greater understanding of EPA's listing of qualified products, their display using the Find-a-Product tool, and the process by which certifying bodies transmit data to the EPA.
- The acceptability of registering products by family on the Certified Imaging Equipment (CIE) list.
- The apparent inclusion of errors (such as incorrect units for Active 0/1/2 data) and duplicated data on the CIE list, which certifying bodies need to manually correct. We will continue to seek ways to standardize and automate the overall data management process.
- The use of the Product Finder tool by customers and the need to ensure that it includes product marketing names and models most frequently sought by customers.
- Recognition that EPA uses a separate dataset (primarily based on the qualified product listing as well as additional non-qualified model information from stakeholders and other sources) when establishing future specifications requirements.
- A need to continue the dialogue on datasets, future specification requirements, and technology shifts.
- Participants agreed upon a preferred ENERGY STAR listing for a product family where single entries include "child" entries in the "additional models" field. EPA will work to make this field more visible to customers.

Next Steps

As a result of the workshop, participants agreed to take the following actions:

- EPA will re-communicate their [imaging equipment Qualified Product Exchange \(QPX\) data template](#).
- Manufacturers will work individually with their CBs and EPA to correct errors and duplicated data on the Certified Imaging Equipment (CIE) list. Manufacturers will also notify EPA of instances where a CB's request for data either exceeds or is inconsistent with that required by EPA.
- EPA will evaluate the feasibility of moving the "additional models" column to the same tab or screen as the parent model information on the Product Finder tool.

- EPA will look into adding the marketing product name as a default field that appears for all products in the Product Finder. This will enable users to search for marketing name or model # in Product Finder.
- A follow-up teleconference call meeting will be held in two months to review progress; tentatively planned for the week of September 22nd. We encourage additional manufacturers and certifying bodies to participate.