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Dear ENERGY STAR® Dehumidifier Partner:

In the coming months, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be revisiting the current ENERGY STAR specification for dehumidifiers to assess its impact in the marketplace and make a decision whether or not to revise this specification.

To ensure that ENERGY STAR continues to expand the market of energy-efficient products and accelerate the market penetration of energy-efficient technologies, each ENERGY STAR specification must be periodically re-evaluated. As you know, the dehumidifier specification has been in effect since January 1, 2001. Since then, the market penetration of ENERGY STAR qualified products within the 10 – 35 L/day category has quickly grown, representing more than two-thirds of product shipments to date. Preliminary research is now being conducted to determine additional savings opportunities and potential changes to the specification so that the ENERGY STAR continues to represent the top performers in the marketplace.

EPA will present a snapshot of the current market, options being considered by EPA to revise the current specification, and a specification development timeline at the National ENERGY STAR Appliance Meeting, October 4-5, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois. For more information on the meeting, visit www.energystar.gov/partners and click on the Meetings link under "General Partner Resources".

Once EPA has completed its preliminary research, a Draft 1 Version 2.0 specification will be released to all stakeholders for review and comment. It is EPA's hope to begin developing a Draft 1 document over the next few months and release it for stakeholder comment by January 2005.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. As an existing partner, your input is very valuable during this specification review process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (202) 343-9019 or fanara.andrew@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fanara".

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