

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Audio/Video Partner or Other Interested Party:

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching the revision of the Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR Audio/Video (AV) specification. The goals of this revision are to (1) establish performance requirements noted as “TBD” during development of the Version 2.0 Tier 3 product specification, (2) assess existing product performance criteria and modify as needed to ensure that ENERGY STAR continues to represent the top performing products in the market, and (3) address changes in program scope necessary to maintain broad applicability of the AV specification to the market. Once completed, EPA will migrate all Version 2.0 Tier 3 requirements into a new Version 3.0 specification. The purpose of this letter is to invite your participation in this ENERGY STAR specification revision process.

The Version 2.0 Tier 2 ENERGY STAR Audio/Video specification became effective on July 30, 2010. This latest version of the specification established unified performance requirements and mandatory Automatic Power Down capability for all AV products. As of today, there are 318 qualified AV products available worldwide from 16 manufacturing partners. At the time the Version 2.0 specification was completed, EPA and stakeholders finalized the majority of prospective Tier 3 requirements set to take effect on March 30, 2012. This specification revision will fulfill EPA’s plan to finalize any “to be determined” elements in advance of the Tier 3 effective date.

EPA plans to release a first draft of the revised specification within the next few weeks and will invite stakeholders to a webinar to be scheduled for late May to discuss the proposed revisions. More details will be provided within the coming weeks. Additional materials will be distributed via email and posted to the ENERGY STAR website prior to the webinar.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA and stakeholders is critical to our success. We hope you will actively participate in the ENERGY STAR specification development process. If you know of others who may be interested in participating in the specification development process, please forward this announcement and encourage them to send their contact information to audiovideo@energystar.gov to be added to the stakeholder contact list.

Please direct any specific questions to Verena Radulovic, EPA, at radulovic.verena@epa.gov or (202) 343-9845 or Stephen Pantano, ICF International, at spantano@icfi.com or (202) 862-1551.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your interest in ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Verena Radulovic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

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ENERGY STAR for Consumer Electronics