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Dear ENERGY STAR® Imaging Equipment Partner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the European Commission (EC) are pleased to inform you that the Version 1.1 ENERGY STAR Imaging Equipment specification has been finalized and will take effect on July 1, 2009. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the specification.

Enclosed, you will find the Version 1.1 ENERGY STAR Imaging Equipment Partner Commitments and Eligibility Criteria and data summary document. Based on careful consideration of stakeholder feedback, the following changes are reflected in the final specification:

- The note boxes in the Draft Final document were removed.
- All references to Tier 2 have been removed from the document.
- In Section 1, clarification has been added to the definition of Standby to note that Standby is a product’s minimum power mode.
- In Section 1, a minor clarification has been added to the definition of a Type 2 Digital Front-end (DFE) noting that a Type 2 DFE can be physically removed, isolated, or disabled using common engineering practices to allow power measurements to be made.
- In Section 3, clarifications have been made to products with a Type 2 DFE to note the exclusion of a DFE’s Standby mode power.
- In Section 7, EPA added some clarification on the consideration of additional energy impacts. EPA also added that it may consider revisiting the definitions of power terms or adding new power management approaches in future specification revision efforts.

All documents relating to the Version 1.1 imaging equipment specification will be available at EPA’s ENERGY STAR product development Web site in the coming days, including: this cover memo, the final specification, the data summary document, a comment response document, and the data used for the analysis. In an effort to keep the specification revision process as transparent as possible, all documents relating to the imaging equipment specification revision process can be viewed on the product development Web site at: www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. Click on the “Revisions to Existing Specifications” link then “Imaging Equipment.”

In the coming months, EPA will provide partners with separate instructions that explain how to continue as an ENERGY STAR partner for Imaging Equipment under the new Version 1.1 specification. By June 30, 2009, each manufacturer must re-commit as a partner under the Version 1.1 specification by submitting a new Commitment Form. Manufacturers can qualify products under Version 1.1 by submitting qualifying product data for EPA review via the Online Product Submittal (OPS) tool at www.energystar.gov/ops. Manufacturers who fail to submit an updated Commitment Form by June 30, 2009, will be removed from the ENERGY STAR Partner List.
EPA wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all stakeholders in North America, Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world, who provided feedback during the imaging equipment specification revision process. 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 market your energy-efficient imaging equipment. If you have any questions or concerns about the specification or partnership process, please feel free to contact me at (202)-343-9046 or kent.christopher@epa.gov.

Thank you for your continued efforts and support of ENERGY STAR.

Best Regards,

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