February 3, 2011

Dear ENERGY STAR® Residential Dishwasher Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share with you the attached Draft 2 Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR Residential Dishwasher Product Specification. The Draft 2 Version 5.0 specification incorporates the following key changes:

- **Proposed Energy and Water Requirements for Standard Dishwashers:**
  - Tier 1: ≤ 295 kWh/year and ≤ 4.25 gallons of water/cycle
  - Tier 2: ≤ 280 kWh/year and ≤ 4.00 gallons of water/cycle

- **Proposed Energy and Water Requirements for Compact Dishwashers:**
  - Tier 1: ≤ 222 kWh/year and ≤ 3.50 gallons of water/cycle
  - Tier 2: ≤ 200 kWh/year and ≤ 2.75 gallons of water/cycle

- **Proposed Tier 1 Cleaning Performance Reporting Requirement:**
  EPA is proposing that under Tier 1, cleaning performance be assessed concurrently with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test of energy and water consumption during the sensor heavy response load run and reported to the ENERGY STAR program.

- **Proposed Tier 2 Cleaning Performance Minimum Performance Requirement:**
  EPA is proposing that under Tier 2, products be required to meet a minimum level of cleaning performance to qualify for ENERGY STAR. To support full implementation of this requirement, EPA will initiate a stakeholder process in late 2011 to select a final cleaning performance test method and establish minimum qualification requirements.

Note that these proposed Version 5.0 Tier 1 levels are intended to supersede the Version 4.1 Tier 2 requirements that were scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2011. Additional details regarding each of these changes and EPA’s rationale are included in note boxes throughout the draft specification document.

**Draft 2 Webinar**

EPA plans to host a webinar on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM ET to discuss the Draft 2 specification and address stakeholder questions. Stakeholders are encouraged to inform EPA of any industry events that may conflict with this proposed date. To RSVP, please email **appliances@energystar.gov**. Further details and a detailed agenda will be distributed to confirmed attendees in advance of the meeting.
Comment Submittal
Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments for EPA consideration to appliances@energystar.gov by Friday, March 4, 2011. EPA also welcomes comments on considerations not discussed in the text boxes. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Revision Schedule
EPA’s anticipated schedule for the residential dishwasher specification revision is as follows:

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As a reminder, as of January 1, 2011 all new products must be certified by an EPA-recognized Certification Body (CB) before being labeled and marketed as ENERGY STAR.¹ Upon satisfactory completion of all certification requirements, a CB will notify the Partner that the product is ENERGY STAR qualified and will submit qualified product data to EPA for listing on the ENERGY STAR website. For more information on the Third-party Certification program please visit www.energystar.gov/3rdpartycert.

Please direct any specific questions to Amanda Stevens, EPA, at stevens.amanda@epa.gov or 202-343-9106, or Ryan Fogle, D&R International, at rfogle@drintl.com or 301-588-9387. Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

Amanda Stevens
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ENERGY STAR Appliance Program

¹ For a number of product categories, including residential dishwashers, manufacturers may add new models to families previously qualified by EPA without additional testing. For more information see FAQ: http://energystar.supportportal.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=23018&task=knowledge&folderID=1445