

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Commercial Clothes Washer Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to provide the attached Final Draft Version 6.0 ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer Specification that contains revisions for commercial clothes washers.

The Final Draft Version 6.0 maintains the following energy- and water- performance requirements for commercial washers that were proposed in Draft 1: a minimum Modified Energy Factor (MEF) of 2.2 and maximum Water Factor (WF) of 4.5. The Draft Final also incorporates further amendments, based on stakeholder feedback, to the definition of a commercial clothes washer.

EPA anticipates finalizing the Version 6.0 specification in December 2011, and has maintained the proposed effective date of January 8, 2013 to align with the new federal standards. Comments on the Final Draft Version 6.0 may be submitted via email to appliances@energystar.gov by November 28, 2011. As a reminder, all comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

As stakeholders may be aware, EPA is also currently developing new requirements for combination all-in-one washer-dryers (combination W/Ds) within the ENERGY STAR clothes washer program; this is occurring through a separate stakeholder process. EPA issued a Draft 1 proposal for combination W/Ds on October 12, 2011. EPA plans to combine changes from both the commercial washer revision and the combination W/D revision, into a final Version 6.0 specification document upon completion of both stakeholder processes later this year. This final specification will maintain current requirements for residential washers.

To follow EPA's progress in developing new criteria for commercial clothes washers, please visit the ENERGY STAR Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and click on "Commercial Clothes Washers".

Please direct any specific questions to Amanda Stevens at EPA, 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 your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Stevens".

Amanda Stevens
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ENERGY STAR Appliance Program