

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Water Cooler Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share with you the attached Stage 1 Draft ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Procedure. The revision of the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method is being led by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and is the first step in EPA's revision process for the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler specification. EPA anticipates working with stakeholders on revisions to the Water Cooler Eligibility Criteria later this summer, following progress on the Test Method.

This Stage 1 Procedure proposes changes to the current ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Method in the following areas:

- Energy Capacity - a more general test applicable to all units
- Heating/Cooling Fixed Amount of Water Test - active mode testing
- Replenish and Heating/Cooling Fixed Amount of Water Test - active mode testing
- Inclusion of Air Source models - to include all types of units on the market.

Comment Submittal

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments on the draft procedure via email to watercoolers@energystar.gov **no later than June 17, 2011**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Stakeholder Webinar Meeting to Discuss Stage 1 Test Procedure

EPA intends to co-host a webinar with DOE on June 7, 2011, between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., to discuss the Stage 1 Test Procedure and address stakeholder questions and comments. Stakeholders are requested to inform EPA of any industry events that may conflict with this proposed date. To RSVP, please email watercoolers@energystar.gov. Further details and a detailed agenda will be distributed to confirmed attendees in advance of the webinar meeting.

Schedule

The anticipated schedule for the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler Test Procedure revision is as follows:

May 31, 2011	Stage 1 Test Procedure Distributed
June 7, 2011	Webinar Meeting on Stage 1 Test Procedure
June 17, 2011	Stage 1 Comment Period Ends
August 2011	Stage 2 Draft Final Test Procedure Distributed

To follow EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Water Cooler specification, visit the ENERGY STAR Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and click on "Water Coolers".

Please direct any specific questions to Paul Karaffa at EPA, karaffa.paul@epa.gov or (202) 343-9401, or Dave Beavers, CADMUS Group, at david.beavers@cadmusgroup.com or (617) 921-4871. Thank you for taking the time to review this draft test procedure. Both DOE and EPA look forward to working with you over the next few months to revise the ENERGY STAR Test Method.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Karaffa', is positioned above the typed name.

Paul Karaffa
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