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Re: Energy Star Classification for Laboratory Freezers and Refrigerators

Dear Ms. Duff and Ms. Schmeltz:

Recently I received an email from your office organizing an upcoming meeting to fine tune the specifications to be used in the Energy Star evaluations of laboratory freezers and refrigerators. It is my understanding that Harry Gunther from our Irvine campus is planning on participating in this meeting on behalf of the University of California. Both Harry and I were part of the working group that was comprised of several universities that originally envisioned this goal; and eventually nurtured this concept through Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The purpose of my letter is to extend the University's thank you for carrying this important initiative forward. Our working group determined that laboratory freezers and refrigerators represented the largest equipment plug load in our typical laboratories. The University has created ambitious sustainability goals, which in part require us to find all reasonable means to lower the energy usage within our laboratories. We are very confident that the establishment of the Energy Star specification for laboratory freezers and refrigerators will be a big help in reaching these goals.

Again, I commend and thank you for your effort in establishing the Energy Star rating for laboratory freezers and refrigerators. Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance in carrying through on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

  
George Getgen  
Director of Facilities Management Services

cc: Harry Gunther  
Paul Mathews