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Dear ENERGY STAR® Residential Refrigerator and Freezer Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share with you the attached Residential Refrigerators and Freezers Version 5.0 Specification Framework Document. This framework outlines EPA's reassessment of the current ENERGY STAR Refrigerator and Freezer requirements and is intended to facilitate discussion of this assessment and possible resulting modifications to the ENERGY STAR requirements. Included in this document are EPA's initial thoughts on possible revisions.

EPA welcomes stakeholder comments on all topics related to this ENERGY STAR Residential Refrigerator and Freezer program specification revision, including topics not addressed in this document. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments via email to [appliances@energystar.gov](mailto:appliances@energystar.gov) no later than August 10, 2011. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

EPA intends to host a webinar on Monday, July 25 from 10am – 1pm (Eastern Time) to discuss the Framework Document and address stakeholder questions. To RSVP, please email [appliances@energystar.gov](mailto:appliances@energystar.gov). Stakeholders are requested to inform EPA of any industry events that may conflict with the proposed date. Further details will be distributed to confirmed attendees in advance of the webinar.

The anticipated schedule for the ENERGY STAR Residential Refrigerator and Freezer revision is as follows:

July 11, 2011	Specification revision launched with release of Framework Document
July 25, 2011	Stakeholder Webinar to discuss Framework Document
August 10, 2011	Comment period on Framework Document ends
October 2011	Draft 1 specification distributed, followed by a stakeholder meeting, and comment period
December 2011	Draft 2 specification distributed, stakeholder webinar or meeting, and comment period
February 2012	Final Draft specification distributed and comment period
March 2012	Final Version 5.0 Specification published

To follow EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Residential Refrigerator and Freezer specification, visit the ENERGY STAR Product Development website at [www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs](http://www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs) and click on "Residential Refrigerator-Freezers." Please direct any specific questions to Amanda Stevens at EPA, [stevens.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:stevens.amanda@epa.gov) or (202) 343-9106 or Ryan Fogle, D&R International, at [rfogle@drintl.com](mailto:rfogle@drintl.com) or (301) 588-9387. Thank you for taking the time to review this Framework Document and your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program. I look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Sincerely,

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ENERGY STAR Program