



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Vending Machine Manufacturer or Other Interested Party,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share with you the attached Final Draft ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification. EPA would like to thank the many stakeholders who have invested time and effort over the past several months to contribute feedback that has informed this specification development process.

This document outlines the proposed new energy efficiency requirements that Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines would need to meet in order to earn the ENERGY STAR. It is intended that once final, this document will replace the current Version 2.1 specification. The anticipated effective date for the Version 3.0 requirements is February 1, 2013.

Summary of Final Draft Proposal

As proposed in Draft 2, Machine Class A and B Maximum Daily Energy Consumption (MDEC) levels continue to be 5% and 10% more stringent than the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) standard, respectively. In light of the delay in finalizing this specification, EPA has extended the effective date from the originally proposed August 31, 2012 to February 1, 2013. However, EPA will cease accepting machine qualification to the existing Version 2.1 specification as of August 31, 2012, when the DOE standard for Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines takes effect.

Due to the lack of an appropriate test method and performance, usage, and market data, Combination Vending Machines continue to be excluded in this Final Draft proposal. EPA plans to launch a scoping effort to better understand the current marketplace, available technologies, testing considerations, and potential for ENERGY STAR recognition. Findings will be shared and discussed with industry stakeholders.

Submittal of Written Comments

EPA anticipates finalizing this Version 3.0 specification by June 1, 2012 and has proposed an effective date of February 1, 2013. Comments on the Final Draft Version 3.0 specification should be submitted via email to vendingmachines@energystar.gov by **May 23, 2012**.

To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machine specification, visit the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs and click on "Vending Machines". All specification development materials supporting the Final Draft proposal will be posted to this website.

Third Party Certification

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. 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 or concerns to me at kent.christopher@epa.gov or (202) 343-9046 and Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com and (434) 202-7875.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program and your participation in this development process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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