

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

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcome your input on the attached Draft ENERGY STAR Commercial Dishwasher Test Method (Rev. Apr-2012). Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments no later than **April 25, 2012**.

Draft Test Method Changes

In preparing this revised Draft Test Method, DOE considered stakeholder comments received on the previous draft version and shared during the ENERGY STAR Draft Test Method webinar held on January 25, 2012. Proposed changes and additions are identified with the use of text boxes presented throughout the attached Draft document. Laboratories and certification bodies are also encouraged to review and provide comment on the suggested Test Reporting Template. Please note that this is the final opportunity to comment on the ENERGY STAR Test Method prior to finalization.

Comments on the Draft Test Method should be sent to commercialdishwashers@energystar.gov. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Final Draft Version 2.0 Timeline

EPA plans to release a Final Draft Version 2.0 specification for stakeholder review and comment along with the Final version of this Test Method in May 2012. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the Version 2.0 specification prior to finalization, which is scheduled for June 1, 2012. Based on this schedule, the new Version 2.0 will go into effect on March 1, 2013.

Stakeholders can view all draft documents, supporting analyses, and comments received to date by visiting the Commercial Dishwasher webpage located at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

National Restaurant Association Show: May 5-8, 2012

ENERGY STAR representatives will be attending the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show in Chicago, IL, May 5-8, 2012. Stakeholders interested in scheduling a meeting to discuss the Version 2.0 specification and development process can contact Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at (434) 202-7875 or rduff@icfi.com.

Thank you for your continued participation in this specification development process. Stakeholders with questions or concerns can contact me directly at (202) 343-9046 and via e-mail at kent.christopher@epa.gov or Rebecca Duff at (434) 202-7875 and rduff@icfi.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher Kent, U.S. EPA
ENERGY STAR Product Specification Development