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Dear ENERGY STAR® Roof Products Stakeholder or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share the ENERGY STAR Final Draft Version 3.0 Roof Products Specification and Test Method for Roof Products: Maintenance of Solar Reflectance (Rev. July-2017). EPA appreciates the thoughtful feedback provided throughout this revision process and believes this final draft addresses weathering testing in a way that strikes a reasonable balance among a range of considerations, leaving the door open for accelerated aging once a test method is completed.

A limited number of comments were received in response to Draft 3, which can be found at [www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs](http://www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs). Please note that this is the last opportunity to provide comments prior to finalization of the new Version 3.0 specification.

In addition to expressing general support for the latest proposal, stakeholders requested a small number of clarifications, which resulted in minimal changes. These changes are identified in the Final Draft through the use of note boxes, provided in the document. No changes have been made to the Test Method other than the revision date in the header and footer. EPA has addressed specific stakeholder comments in the Draft 3 Comment Response Summary posted on the ENERGY STAR website.

**Specification Effective Date**

An effective date of July 1, 2017 is specified for Version 3.0 and the supporting ENERGY STAR Test Method. This date allows for a transition of 3 years and 6 months from the anticipated finalization of this specification, which EPA believes is sufficient. As a reminder, all products must be third-party certified to remain ENERGY STAR qualified. Products currently on the qualified product list that have not been third-party certified will need to be retested to remain qualified. However, products that have been weathered in three weathering farm locations in accordance with the requirements of Version 3.0, but not third-party certified, may be able to remain qualified by having the original testing data submitted to and approved by an EPA-recognized certification body. Manufacturers are encouraged to speak with their EPA-recognized certification bodies upon finalization of Version 3.0 to identify any additional product weathering farm and testing requirements necessary to remain certified as of July 1, 2017.

**Comment Submittal**

Stakeholders wishing to make any final comments on the Version 3.0 specification and Test Method are encouraged to submit comments to [Roofs@energystar.gov](mailto:Roofs@energystar.gov) by **December 9, 2013**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website at [www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs](http://www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs) unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. Your input is very valuable during this specification revision process. Please direct any specific questions to Steve Ryan, EPA, at [Ryan.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Ryan.Steven@epa.gov) and (202) 343-9123 or Michael Holzheimer, ICF International, at [Michael.Holzheimer@icfi.com](mailto:Michael.Holzheimer@icfi.com) and (202) 862-1584.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve J. Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "R".

Steve Ryan  
ENERGY STAR Roof Products Program Manager