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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. Jan-2012). Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments to commercialdishwashers@energystar.gov by **January 30, 2012**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The changes proposed in this Draft Test Method are based on validation testing conducted by DOE to evaluate consistency, identify gaps and areas for needed clarification, and determine repeatability of the previously released *ENERGY STAR Draft 1 Test Method: Final Rinse Water Consumption*. DOE also evaluated the following industry test procedures referenced in the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Draft 3 Eligibility Criteria for Commercial Dishwashers:

- *ASTM F1696-07: Standard Test Method for Energy Performance of Single-Rack, Door-Type Commercial Dishwashing Machines*; and
- *ASTM F1920-11: Standard Test Method for Performance of Rack Conveyor, Commercial Dishwashing Machines*.

DOE also considered stakeholder comments received on the initial Draft 1 Test Method and shared during the ENERGY STAR Draft 3 specification discussion held in October 2011. Proposed changes and additions are identified in text boxes presented throughout the attached Draft document. Laboratories and certification bodies are also encouraged to review and provide comments on the attached test reporting template.

Stakeholder Webinar: January 25, 2012

EPA and DOE will host a stakeholder webinar at 11:00 a.m. EST on January 25, 2012 to discuss the Draft Test Method. To participate in this discussion, please RSVP to commercialdishwashers@energystar.gov. Meeting details will be distributed to registered attendees prior to the call.

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. Based on a review of comments received on this Draft Test Method, EPA will release a new timeline that provides stakeholders with target release dates. To view all Version 2.0 specification documents released to date, visit www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

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, ICF International, at (434) 202-7875 and rduff@icfi.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Kent".

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