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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Climate Control Manufacturer or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working with stakeholders to develop the Version 1.0 ENERGY STAR Residential Climate Controls specification. This notice is to inform you of a change in the schedule.

Draft 2 of this specification was released on July 1, 2010, followed by a stakeholder webinar on July 14, 2010. A schedule was presented during the webinar indicating that a draft usability metric would be released in August 2010. We now anticipate the draft metric to be published in late November, with a concomitant delay in the rest of the schedule. The additional time will ensure that the draft metric is pertinent, reasonable and successful in identifying products with a high-level of usability among Residential Climate Controls.

EPA is currently targeting the following major milestones associated with the ENERGY STAR Residential Climate Controls specification development:

Late November 2010	Usability Metric – Draft 1
Mid December 2010	Stakeholder Usability Meeting, Washington, DC
February 2011	Draft 3 Residential Climate Controls specification (incorporating Draft 2 Usability Metric)
April 2011	Draft Final Residential Climate Controls specification
May 2011	Final Residential Climate Controls specification

This proposed schedule includes a face-to-face meeting in Washington DC for stakeholders to learn about, discuss and give feedback on the draft metric, as well as an extended comment period after release of the draft metric. Due to the innovative nature of the metric, EPA felt additional time to examine it thoroughly would be appropriate.

Please note the above dates are estimates and subject to change.

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Thank you.