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Dear ENERGY STAR® Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites your feedback on candidate technologies for the 2014 ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award. The deadline to submit nominations is October 4, 2013.

The ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award was created to raise the profile of innovative technologies that may not yet meet key principles associated with the ENERGY STAR program (e.g. widely available, cost-effective), but have the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions once they are more widely adopted. As products in these categories become more mainstream, the relevant product categories then become candidates for ENERGY STAR specification development. To be eligible, technologies must be:

- Commercially available, but not widely adopted (<5% market share);
- Offered by more than one supplier;
- Likely to significantly reduce greenhouse gases from the residential or commercial sector at competitive costs;
- Capable of delivering superior environmental performance, as demonstrated by independent third-party organizations;
- Environmentally acceptable (technology use is a net plus for the environment);
- Supported by capable partners with adequate financing and established business records;
- Well matched to EPA/ENERGY STAR competencies and appropriate roles.

There is no restriction on who may provide feedback or submit a nomination. However, nominations submitted by manufacturers must be accompanied by third-party performance data. Please note that EPA is accepting nominations for technology categories only; nominations for individual products will not be accepted. Nominations should be sent to emergingtech@energystar.gov.

Extension of Advanced Clothes Dryer Category for 2014

EPA has decided to extend the Advanced Clothes Dryer award into 2014. In launching this category in 2012, EPA intended to provide manufacturers a full year to promote qualifying technologies. EPA just recently awarded the first qualified model in June of this year, leaving only 6 months for possible promotion. Extending the award category into 2014 will provide more opportunity to promote the winning technology and encourage manufacturers to submit additional technologies that also meet the award criteria. EPA also just released its second draft of the ENERGY STAR Version 1.0 Clothes Dryer criteria so revisions to the test method referenced for Advanced Dryers may be necessary. EPA will work with industry stakeholders over the next few months to determine whether revisions to the award criteria are needed to align with the Version 1.0 test procedure and metric, and coordinate timing for the 2014 Award with the ENERGY STAR Version 1.0 specification development effort.

Stakeholders with questions can contact Peter Banwell, EPA, at banwell.peter@epa.gov or (202) 343-9408. For additional details on the Award, please visit www.energystar.gov/emergingtech.