Dear Ms. Duff,

ICE-O-Matic (an Energy Star Partner) supports the creation of Energy Star criteria for ice machines. However, we would like to recommend that the effective date for the implementation of this new criteria be delayed to coincide with the January 1, 2008 implementation of the California Energy Commission ice machine regulations. ICE-O-Matic is in the process of modifying many of its products to meet the new CEC regulations by that date. More ICE-O-Matic ice machines will be able to meet the new Energy Star criteria if it were delayed to coincide with California's January, 2008 implementation. I suspect the same would be true for other brands of ice machines as well.

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