

**Steering Committee for Water Efficient Products
1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 801
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Ms. Rachel Schmeltz
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Final Specification for Commercial Ice Machines

Dear Ms. Schmeltz:

We support the final specification for commercial ice machines, as distributed June 18, 2007. We appreciate the willingness of the Energy Star program to forego extending eligibility for Energy Star designation to water-cooled ice machines in the absence of any mechanism to ensure that such products are limited to closed loop cooling operation.

Thank you for your attention to these views.

Sincerely,



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