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**Room Air Cleaners Now Eligible for ENERGY STAR**

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EPA will release new product specifications that allow energy efficient room air cleaners to earn the ENERGY STAR. Residential air cleaners that earn the ENERGY STAR will be 35 percent more energy efficient than conventional models. About 15 million room air cleaners are currently in use in the United States, and consume approximately \$800 million worth of electricity, or 10 billion kilowatt hours, per year. EPA developed the new product specification as a result of increased consumer interest in these products, significant energy savings potential, and interest from manufacturers in producing more efficient products. EPA estimates that within 5 years, residential air cleaners with ENERGY STAR will save Americans as much as \$200 million and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking more than 150,000 cars off the road. Projected consumer savings for one air cleaner will average \$200 over the lifetime of the product. To date, Access Business Group, Blueair Inc., Friedrich Air-Conditioning Co., Sharp Electronics Corporation, The Holmes Group, and the Whirlpool Corporation have committed to manufacture and label ENERGY STAR qualified models. For more information about the program, call 1-888-STAR-YES or visit: <http://www.energystar.gov> .