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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Computer Monitor Partner:

As you are aware, the Version 4.0 ENERGY STAR monitors specification stipulates that partners must begin meeting the labeling requirements for qualifying products on January 1, 2006. I am writing to inform you that this deadline has been officially extended to **July 1, 2006**.

EPA distributed correspondence to all office equipment partners on October 17, 2005 explaining that partners should refrain from using the new cyan ENERGY STAR mark on any office equipment models shipped to the European Union (EU) until July 1, 2006. This date corresponds with the anticipated renewal of the bilateral agreement between the European Commission (EC) and EPA. Until this date, partners may only use the old monochrome mark on their qualified products designed for the EU market. **Note that this does not prevent partners from using the new cyan certification mark before July 1, 2006 on qualified products designed for markets outside of the EU.** For more details regarding this transition to the cyan mark, please visit the ENERGY STAR mark download Web site at www.energystar.gov/logos and click on the link for News for Office Equipment Manufacturers.

However, to reduce the possibility that some qualified monitor models would be required to bear different versions of the ENERGY STAR mark during the six-month period between January and July 2006, EPA has decided to delay the labeling requirements in the computer monitor specification until July 1, 2006, to coincide with the date when office equipment partners will transition to the new cyan ENERGY STAR mark. Attached, please find the clarified Computer Monitor Program Requirements, Version 4.1. The following explains the changes applied to the specification.

Clarification to Partner Commitments

Revisions have been made to the last sentence of the fourth bullet in the Commitment section to clarify the date when product labeling is considered mandatory. The revised language is provided below.

[revised text in specification]

While Partner is expected to fulfill all other commitments listed under this Partner Commitments section of the Partnership Agreement for Computer Monitors as of the specification effective date, the labeling requirements are deferred until July 1, 2006. Partners who wish to begin labeling qualified products prior to July 1, 2006 may do so;

Additionally, where all references were previously made to Version 4.0, EPA has revised the language to reference Version 4.1. EPA considers the clarified Version 4.1 Computer Monitor specification effective immediately upon distribution. **Please note** that the effective date for Tier II Eligibility Criteria requirements remains January 1, 2006.

Please contact me at (202) 343-9019 or at fanara.andrew@epa.gov if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fanara', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Fanara
EPA Program Manager

Attachment: ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Computer Monitors (Version 4.1)