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Dear ENERGY STAR Imaging Equipment Stakeholder:

Over the last few weeks, EPA has been carefully reviewing and considering the comments received from stakeholders in response to the first draft Operational Mode (OM) test procedure, distributed on May 17, 2005, as well as in response to the Imaging Equipment Terminology and Definitions document, last distributed on March 30, 2005. Since some of this feedback impacts aspects of the ENERGY STAR Draft 1 Imaging Equipment (Version 1.0) Program Requirements, **EPA will not distribute the Draft 1 Program Requirements until the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Highlighted below are a few key components of these Draft 1 Program Requirements that stakeholders will be asked to review:

- Draft 1 provides a *framework* Version 1.0 specification for Imaging Equipment, including partner commitments, definitions, effective dates, and product groupings. It does **not** include actual energy-efficiency criteria. Stakeholder feedback is welcomed in regards to these groupings. In particular, comments are appreciated on products and technologies previously not addressed by ENERGY STAR (e.g., continuous-form products) and products for which EPA notes a lack of strong data from which to draw specification criteria (e.g., mailing machines).
- Draft 1 proposes a new approach for considering the energy-efficiency of Ink Jet products based on functionality, which could be an alternative or compliment to differentiating energy performance by product speed. Because this proposed approach will affect the development of the OM test procedure, stakeholder comments on this portion of the Program Requirements would be welcomed as early as possible.
- Draft 1 includes a Definitions section, which incorporates stakeholder feedback that has been received since March 2005. Some terms, such as those used to describe low-power modes and product technologies, such as Print Controller and Digital Front-end (DFE), are characterized differently among industry. Feedback is welcomed on how to improve these definitions for maximum consistency and clarity.

Thank you for your continuing support and feedback during the revision of the ENERGY STAR imaging equipment specifications.

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