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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Imaging Equipment Partners and Other Interested Parties:

Over the past several months, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been developing a Directional Draft for ENERGY STAR qualified imaging equipment, which incorporates the following products: printers, fax machines, mailing machines, copiers, multifunction devices, and scanners. The attached Directional Draft presents and explains the direction that EPA proposes to pursue when revising the existing imaging equipment specifications. Feedback is appreciated, particularly on the topics described in Section 4.0 and listed in Appendix F.

This Directional Draft will soon be available on the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site at <u>www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment</u>, which is the best source for updated information related to the development of the imaging equipment specifications. As always, EPA values your involvement in the specification revision process. Please direct any comments and/or questions to me at <u>hershberg.craig@epa.gov</u>, **no later than March 12, 2004**. Alternately, I can be contacted at (202) 343-9120.

EPA plans to host a stakeholder meeting in the spring to discuss this Directional Draft. Additional meeting details will be provided in forthcoming correspondence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: ENERGY STAR Directional Draft for Imaging Equipment