



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Dear Commercial Dishwasher Manufacturer:

I am pleased to inform you that the ENERGY STAR® Commercial Dishwasher specification has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the specification. **Please note that EPA considers this specification to be final and has no further plans to revise it at this time.**

In response to stakeholder comments on the Final Draft version, EPA has made the following changes to the Eligibility Criteria:

- An additional qualifier has been added to the definition for undercounter machine in Section 1 that excludes machines designed for wash cycles longer than 10 minutes. This statement was added to further differentiate between residential style models and machines specifically designed for a high workload, fast paced foodservice environment, which is the application that EPA intends to address with this ENERGY STAR specification.
- A new 30-second load time was added to Section 3 for door-type machines that are designed to be front loading. Manufacturers wishing to qualify these machines for ENERGY STAR should use the 30-second load time when calculating gallons per rack.
- The reference to NSF/ANSI 3 has been updated in Section 4 to reflect the latest 2007 edition. It is EPA's understanding that the changes made to the test procedure do not impact current water consumption measurements. The Qualifying Product Information (QPI) form has also been updated to reflect this revision.

All EPA correspondence, stakeholder comments, and versions of the Draft specification can be viewed on the New Product Specifications in Development Web page at: www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment.

ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement

Enclosed you will find a Sample Partnership Agreement along with Commitment and QPI forms. The Agreement includes the partner commitments, technical specification, and explains the requirements of both the manufacturing partner and EPA. This Agreement needs only to be signed once; after that, you may expand your participation into other product areas, as appropriate, by submitting an updated Commitment Form. To request a customized Agreement stakeholders can send an email to commercialdishwashers@icfi.com.

To familiarize you with the contents of the Partnership Agreement, the following is a list of partner commitments:

- Comply with the current product Eligibility Criteria (i.e., technical specification).

- Comply with the current ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines.
- Qualify at least one commercial dishwasher model as ENERGY STAR within one year of signing the Partnership Agreement.
- Provide clear and consistent labeling of ENERGY STAR qualified commercial dishwashers on the front of the product, on product packaging, in product literature, and on the Web site.
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, an updated list of ENERGY STAR qualifying commercial dishwashers.
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, unit shipment data of qualified commercial dishwasher models. Please note that all data will be aggregated and masked by a third party prior to EPA submission.
- Notify EPA of a change in the designated responsible party or contact for commercial dishwashers within 30 days.

Once a Partnership Agreement is signed, manufacturers may begin submitting models for ENERGY STAR qualification. The QPI form should be completed for each commercial dishwasher model that you wish to qualify. **Please note that manufacturers cannot use the ENERGY STAR mark to promote qualifying models until the specification takes effect on October 11, 2007.**

Manufacturers can return the signed Partnership Agreement and Commitment Form, along with any completed QPI forms for review, to commercialdishwashers@icfi.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at (202) 862-1266 or rduff@icfi.com.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and I look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and market your energy-efficient products. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at schmeltz.rachel@epa.gov or (202) 343-9124.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Schmeltz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Rachel Schmeltz, EPA
ENERGY STAR Product Manager