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Subject: Energy Star Residential Ventilation Program Requirements

Erin,

AMCA International's position is that Energy Stars proposal is unacceptable.

Our major objection to your program is the method you are requiring for sound values. The correlated values between the AMCA sones and HVI sones should either be included in the program or all sound requirements should be eliminated. AMCA's sone calculations use an American National Standard (ANSI) approved method while the HVI method does not. At a minimum, the EPA should be using ANSI approved standards. If the AMCA method for calculating sones is not to be included, all sound values should be eliminated from the program, as it has no effect on energy consumed by the fan. It's true that it's an attribute of the fan, but it's more akin to an appearance attribute than performance.

By retaining the program as you propose, an AMCA member with products certified for air & sound would not qualify for the program but an HVI member would. This is unjustified and may qualify as restraint of trade. We do not feel that any valid reason has been given by either Energy Star or the EPA as to why our members who manufacture residential products are not being allowed to participate fully in your program.

Sincerely,

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