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Dear ENERGY STAR® Ventilating Fan Stakeholder:

EPA has received a number of requests from manufacturers to consider using Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) standards 210, 211, 300, and 311 in the ENERGY STAR Ventilating Fan specification alongside the Home Ventilating Institute (HVI) test methods 915, 916, and 920, which are currently specified. Currently, partners are required to test and certify their products according to these HVI test methods for ENERGY STAR qualification. On August 29, 2006, EPA issued a proposed clarification to the Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR specification for ventilating fans, which suggested expanding the testing options to incorporate two of the four AMCA procedures. Stakeholders were requested to provide feedback on the proposed clarification by September 15, 2006.

After careful consideration of all stakeholder feedback received in response to these proposed changes, EPA has decided to **delay** the proposed clarification to allow for a comprehensive review of all concerns, and thorough discourse with concerned stakeholders to ensure the best possible resolution to these concerns. **Therefore, the current Version 2.0 specification continues to remain in effect until further notice.**

EPA will continue to review proposed changes and other suggestions from interested parties, and will keep stakeholders informed during this process over the next few months. In addition, in an effort to better understand stakeholder concerns, EPA will be attending AMCA's Annual Meeting on October 20th in Santa Barbara, CA, to speak with industry stakeholders and answer questions about the ENERGY STAR program. EPA will be presenting an educational session at this conference to address new initiatives in the ENERGY STAR program in general and new products that EPA may consider in the future, as well as how these developments might impact ventilating fan stakeholders. Opportunities will be provided for stakeholders to ask questions and share feedback.

Materials related to EPA's consideration of the proposed clarification noted above are available on the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site at www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment. 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".

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