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Subject: ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes - Proposed New Guidelines

[This announcement is courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy].

Dear ENERGY STAR Partner:

Partner input is requested on the proposed changes to the ENERGY STAR New Homes specification. The proposed specification would now explicitly integrate ENERGY STAR qualified products including windows, appliances, light fixtures, and ceiling fans.

The proposed specification is attached. A detailed rationale for the changes is available on the ENERGY STAR Web site at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=bldrs_lenders_raters.new_qual_homes_guidance.

All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments to Jonathan Passe, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at passe.jonathan@epa.gov.

Comments will be accepted through April 30, 2005.

Nearly ten percent of all homes built in 2004 earned the ENERGY STAR label. For more information on ENERGY STAR New Homes visit <http://www.energystar.gov/homes>.