



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] for Windows, Doors, and Skylights Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to announce the release of the *ENERGY STAR for Windows, Doors, and Skylights Revised Draft Criteria and Report*. DOE has reviewed the more than 50 comments submitted during the public comment period and conducted follow-up analysis to address the issues raised by stakeholders. DOE also considered the criteria approved for the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and the criteria set forth for the 2009-2010 tax credit in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. On the basis of this analysis, DOE has made several changes to the draft ENERGY STAR criteria:

1. Reduced the number of climate zones to four and returned to geographic zone names
2. Adjusted the windows criteria and limited tradeoffs in the North
3. Adjusted the U-factor for the $\leq 1/2$ -lite category of swinging entry doors and changed the SHGC to match International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) levels
4. Changed skylight criteria based on industry comments and IECC levels
5. Suspended Tubular Daylighting Devices from the program until industry collects a sufficient body of test results
6. Delayed beginning work on criteria for Phase 2 until late Fiscal Year 2009

DOE requests comments from stakeholders during a two-week comment period commencing today. All comments and supporting documentation must be submitted by Wednesday, March 25. If your supporting documentation contains confidential data, please indicate so clearly and prominently at the top of the document(s) and send via e-mail to Emily Zachery at the address below with "Criteria Revision – Confidential" in the subject line. For comments including confidential information, please also provide a redacted public version of your comments. Send public comments via e-mail with "Criteria Revision – Public" in the subject line to:

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At the end of the comment period, public stakeholder comments will be posted at http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=archives.windows_criteria_amendment. The revised criteria and supporting analysis will also be available on this Web site.

Thank you very much for your participation in the revision of the program requirements for ENERGY STAR Windows, Doors and Skylights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Karney".

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