



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear ENERGY STAR Partners and Stakeholders:

The Department of Energy (the Department) has reviewed all partner and stakeholder comments concerning the proposed change to the ENERGY STAR criteria for dishwashers. After evaluation of the comments and analyzing the potential impacts in the marketplace, effective August 11, 2009, the ENERGY STAR qualification criteria for dishwashers will be as proposed in our August 15, 2008 analysis.

- Effective August 11, 2009, the requirements will be a maximum energy use of 324 kWh/year and 5.8 gallons per cycle for standard models and a maximum energy use of 234 kWh/year and 4.0 gallons per cycle for compact models.
- Effective July 1, 2011, the requirements will be a maximum energy use of 307 kWh/year and 5.0 gallons per cycle for standard models and a maximum energy use of 222 kWh/year and 3.5 gallons per cycle for compact models.

The Department thanks all stakeholders for their input. Several issues were raised in the comment period and in other discussions with stakeholders. One issue is the upcoming July 1, 2010 ban on phosphates in dishwasher detergent. Stakeholders expressed little concern with the impact of the new detergent requirements on the 2009 criteria; however, there were some comments that the 2011 criteria may be affected by these stricter requirements. Stakeholders also expressed concern that setting criteria now for 2011 may result in higher than acceptable market penetrations. If either of these issues presents problems with the 2011 criteria, DOE reserves the right to revisit the 2011 criteria in 2010. Any changes would be finalized a minimum of 270 days before July 1, 2011.

As of August 11, 2009, manufacturers may not label products or place the ENERGY STAR logo on the EnergyGuide label for products not meeting the new criteria. Retailers may promote existing products that met the previous criteria and are labeled by the manufacturer as qualified until November 11, 2009.

On behalf of the Department, I would like to thank all stakeholders for the assistance provided during this criteria-setting process.

Sincerely,

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

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