



COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT
SERVICES

Zigmund Vays
President/CEO
(323) 850-4676

3/30/06

Lusin Kuyumjian
Chief Financial Officer
(818) 894-8121

Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Heating and Cooling
Services
(818) 830-3385

Re: Support for Petition to Exempt From Preemption California's Water
Efficiency Standards for Residential Clothes Washers

EE-RM-PET-100

Energy Efficiency
(Weatherization)
(818) 895-8529

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Home Energy
Assistance Program
(818) 891-4148

On behalf of Community Enhancement Services, we strongly urge you to
approve the Petition to Exempt from Preemption California's Water
Efficiency Standards for Residential Clothes Washers (**EE-RM-PET-
100**)..

Energy Crisis
Intervention Program
(818) 891-6075

California's water use is intricately linked to high energy costs and
consumption. As the nation's largest water user with a vast water
transportation infrastructure, California's water systems are uniquely
energy-intensive due to pumping requirements to deliver volumes of water
long distances, across mountain ranges and over high elevations. The State
Water Project, the nation's largest state-built water conveyance system of
reservoirs, lakes, power plants, pump stations, canals, tunnels and a 444
mile-long aqueduct, is the largest single user of electricity in the state. The
amount of energy required to support the state's water delivery system and
energy requirements associated with treating, pumping and delivering
water from water supply sources to population centers is of increasing
concern throughout the state. It is clear that more efficient water use will
substantially reduce energy costs and use.

Water Conservation
Direct
(818) 894-7071

Naturalization Assistance
Program
(323) 850-4672

Refugee Employment
Program
(818) 956-0969

Adult Education Division
(Vocational & ESL Training)
(323) 850-4626

Due to the state's unique water and energy circumstances,
California must pursue highly efficient and cost-effective energy and water

Hollywood Office
1335 N. La Brea Ave., Suite 3
Los Angeles, CA 90028
Tel: (323) 850-4676
Fax: (323) 850-4670

Valley Office
16743 Schoenborn St.
North Hills, CA 91343
Tel: (818) 894-8121
Fax: (818) 894-1329

Glendale Office
220 S. Kenwood St., Suite 310
Glendale, CA 91205
Tel: (818) 956-0969
Fax: (818) 956-2117

conservation strategies and solutions. In 2002, the California State Legislature declared that “a significant portion of urban water demand in the state is for residential clothes washers” and that “water conservation is a proven tool that will make the most effective use of the state’s limited supply, and will conserve energy.” As a result of these declarations, the California Energy Commission adopted water efficiency standards for residential clothes washers to address the unique and compelling interests and needs of California.

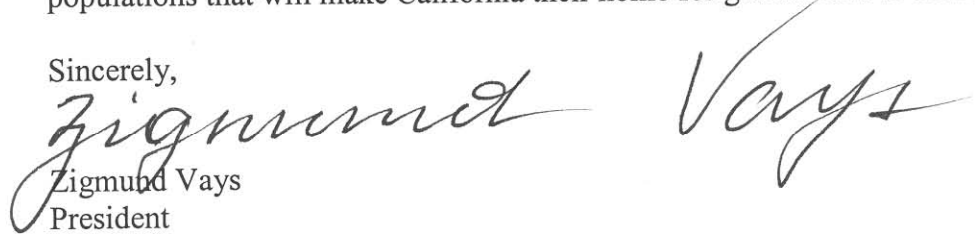
Implementation of state water efficiency standards will result in significant reduction in use and cost to pump, treat and provide reliable state water supplies while also reducing energy consumption and costs required to maintain and operate water delivery systems and wastewater treatment facilities. The amount of energy that will be conserved as a result of water efficiency standards will be significant. A fully implemented 8.5 water factor standard will save as much energy as the annual usage for approximately 50,000 California homes, and the 6.0 water factor will save the equivalent annual energy use of approximately 85,000 California homes.

Along with increased consumer energy and water cost savings, these water efficiency standards would not burden the clothes washer industry. Instead, these standards would positively impact the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, sale and servicing of these high efficiency washers. Today, most appliance manufacturers, large and small, already produce these types of high efficiency washers and comply with proposed standards. While 30 percent of California’s sale of washers already comply with the 8.5 standard, 20 percent of sales already comply with the 6.0 standard. Various rebate incentive and educational programs throughout the state are also in place to support and increase the sale of these washers and currently account for 39 percent of the market. However, if provided this preemptive waiver, California can achieve a 100 percent market share and increase sales competition and gross revenue of the clothes washer industry.

As California uses more water than any state and will continue rapid population growth, we support a residential clothes washer water efficiency standard of 8.5 effective January 1, 2007 followed by a 6.0 standard effective January 1, 2010 to conserve and manage supplies for a growing population. Implementation of these standards will create tremendous water and energy savings for the region while supporting legal obligations to reduce use of imported water deliveries. It is crucial that California carry out these water efficiency standards and responsibly reduce its dependence on overly tapped and energy-intensive regional and imported water supplies. Water efficiency standards for residential clothes washers will help California achieve this goal.

We sincerely hope you will approve the Petition to Exempt From Preemption California's Water Efficiency Standards for Residential Clothes Washers. It is critical to the state's economy and quality of life of populations that will make California their home for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zigmund Vays". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Zigmund Vays
President