



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
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Dear ENERGY STAR® Ceiling Fan Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

With this letter the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to inform you that the Version 3.1 ENERGY STAR Ceiling Fan specification has been finalized and will take effect on October 14, 2016. This revision exempts ceiling fan light kits from the standby power consumption requirement of the current ENERGY STAR Luminaires specification.

Under the ENERGY STAR Ceiling Fan specification, light kits must meet all requirements outlined in the ENERGY STAR Luminaires specification in effect at the time of certification. Stakeholders brought to EPA's attention concerns that the standby power consumption criteria found in Section 11.5 of the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Luminaires specification are too stringent for ceiling fan light kits with remotes that control both light and fan settings. In light of the fact that most ENERGY STAR ceiling fans are controlled by a remote, EPA is exempting ceiling fan light kits from the standby requirement until the new Federal metric and test method, which take standby loss into account, are incorporated through a more extensive revision. Ceiling fan light kits must meet all other requirements found in the Luminaires specification at the time of certification.

EPA received no objections to this revision, but did receive comments regarding the removal of any removable cover during testing and if the fan packaging that ships with light kits is exempt from the current Luminaires specification packaging requirements. EPA is not addressing the issue of removable covers in this Version 3.1, but will consider this test requirement through a more extensive revision. Fan packaging that ships with light kits is not exempt from the current Luminaires specification packaging requirements.

EPA will work with certification bodies (CBs) to update the web services, used by CBs to send certified product information to EPA, in accordance with version 3.1. In the meantime, CBs may certify products to version 3.1 and partners may associate the ENERGY STAR mark with those certified products.

Please direct any specific questions to Abigail Daken at EPA, Daken.Abigail@epa.gov or 202-343-9375 and/or Jacob Bayus at ICF, Jacob.Bayus@icf.com or 202-791-8871.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abigail Daken".

Abigail Daken
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ENERGY STAR HVAC Program