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Dear ENERGY STAR® Stakeholders:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing an ENERGY STAR Commercial Electric Cooktops Discussion Guide. The purpose of this discussion guide is to engage with manufacturers and other interested stakeholders to further inform a potential ENERGY STAR Version 1.0 specification for the commercial electric cooktop product category. During the comment period, the Agency will host a webinar to discuss the questions and general topics outlined in the discussion guide.

EPA reviewed existing research and engaged with manufacturers and other stakeholders. The initial formal notification of this effort was presented during a meeting of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Committee F26 on Food Service Equipment on October 28, 2020. Upon initial suggestion, EPA's proposal received broad support and the Agency is encouraging further input from industry in response to this proposed expansion covering this product category.

**Discussion Guide Summary**

The discussion guide highlights multiple topics for further discussion which are summarized below. More details regarding these topics as well as specific questions are included in the discussion guide.

- **Scope:** Develop ENERGY STAR specification scope definitions and terminology for the new equipment classes not currently covered under the ENERGY STAR program.
- **Test Methodology:** Reference the forthcoming revised ASTM F1521 *Standard Test Methods for Performance of Range Tops* leveraging energy performance testing and available data to set ENERGY STAR minimum efficiency criteria.

**Comment Submittal**

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments for EPA consideration to [cfs@energystar.gov](mailto:cfs@energystar.gov) no later than **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**.

As a reminder, all submitted comments will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR product development website](#) unless the submitter specifically requests their respective comments remain confidential.

**Stakeholder Meetings**

EPA plans to host a stakeholder webinar on **March 17, 2021** to cover topics outlined in the discussion guide. Stakeholders interested in participating in these discussions may register [here](#).

Please contact me at [Crk.Tanja@epa.gov](mailto:Crk.Tanja@epa.gov) or 202-566-1037 and Brian Ward, ICF, at [Brian.Ward@icf.com](mailto:Brian.Ward@icf.com) or (224) 622-4068 with questions or concerns. For any commercial food service equipment related questions, please contact [CFS@energystar.gov](mailto:CFS@energystar.gov).

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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