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



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April 14, 2021

Dear ENERGY STAR® Water Cooler Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing the Final Draft Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR Watercooler Product Specification. The deadline to provide comments on this Final Draft specification is **May 12, 2021**.

**Proposal Summary**

EPA received a limited set of comments on the second draft of this specification and considered each of those comments carefully, incorporating changes into this Final Draft as warranted. The changes proposed in the final draft are summarized below. More details regarding these topics and EPA's response and rationale are included in note boxes throughout the final draft specification as well as the Draft 2 comment response matrix.

- **Hot, Cook, and Cold Unit Definition:** One commenter recommended a modification to the definition for hot, cook, and cold water coolers to clarify that the unit must provide room temperature water simultaneously with hot and cold water. Products that supply room temperature water only when the heating function is deactivated do not meet the definition for this product category.
- **Capacity Categories:** EPA is revising the capacity limits proposed to distinguish high capacity and low capacity water coolers, based on stakeholder feedback and further investigation of the market. Supporting data can be found in the [Final Draft Data Package](#).

Consumers are increasingly interested in the refrigerants their products use. While the refrigerant reporting for water coolers has not been changed in the Final Draft, EPA wishes to clarify our intent to add information on refrigerants to the ENERGY STAR Product Finder tool once Version 3.0 is effective.

**Comment Submittal Process**

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments for EPA consideration to [watercoolers@energystar.gov](mailto:watercoolers@energystar.gov) by **May 12, 2021**. All comments received to the Final Draft will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR Water Coolers Product Development website](#) unless the submitter requests otherwise.

Please direct any specific questions to Tanja Crk, EPA, at [Crk.Tanja@epa.gov](mailto:Crk.Tanja@epa.gov) or 202-566-1037, and Julia Hegarty, ICF, at [julia.hegarty@icf.com](mailto:julia.hegarty@icf.com) or 202-862-1163.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

[ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Water Cooler Final Draft Specification](#)

[ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Water Cooler Final Draft Data Package](#)

[ENERGY STAR Version 3.0 Water Cooler Draft 2 Comment Response Matrix](#)

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