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Dear ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Partner or Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomes your input on the attached Draft Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Laboratories for the ENERGY STAR Program (“Draft Lab Requirements”). EPA is developing enhanced qualification and verification requirements to strengthen the ENERGY STAR program, and will be requiring laboratories to adhere to specific requirements to test products for qualification under the ENERGY STAR program.

Comments on the enhanced testing and verification calls EPA held with stakeholders between March 26 and April 6, 2010 are now available at [www.energystar.gov/testingandverification](http://www.energystar.gov/testingandverification). Also available is a summary of the key issues identified in the comments and EPA’s responses. EPA is using this feedback to inform the development of its draft qualification and verification requirements, including the attached Draft Lab Requirements.

Important elements of the Draft Lab Requirements include:

1. A recognized laboratory must maintain accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025 by an EPA-recognized Accreditation Body (AB).
2. The laboratory must make evidence and details of its accreditation available to EPA and authorize its AB to share assessment information with EPA.
3. Laboratories must agree to participate in relevant and available inter-laboratory testing when EPA/DOE deems it necessary.

As indicated in the timeline posted on our website, these Draft Lab Requirements are part of a broader set of requirements that also include AB Requirements, and Certification Body and Verification Program Requirements, to be distributed to stakeholders in a forthcoming document.

Please submit your feedback on these Draft Lab Requirements to [ENERGYSTARVerificationProgram@energystar.gov](mailto:ENERGYSTARVerificationProgram@energystar.gov) by May 28, 2010, noting, “Draft Lab Requirements,” in the subject line of your email. EPA plans to publish all stakeholder comments on its Web site, as well as a key issue and response document.

To track EPA’s progress in developing enhanced testing and verification requirements, visit the ENERGY STAR Web site at [www.energystar.gov/testingandverification](http://www.energystar.gov/testingandverification).

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

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