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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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Dear ENERGY STAR® Room Air Conditioner Partners or Other Interested Stakeholders,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share the [Final Draft ENERGY STAR Version 5.0 Room Air Conditioner specification](#). EPA would like to thank the many stakeholders who have invested time and effort to contribute feedback that has informed this product specification process. Final comments on the Version 5.0 Final Draft specification may be submitted **no later than February 9, 2023**, to [appliances@energystar.gov](mailto:appliances@energystar.gov).

EPA received support for the Draft 2 proposed levels and the inclusion of a second tier to be established through a subsequent specification development process. One stakeholder noted that the levels would limit selection while a second indicated that EPA should return to the more stringent Draft 1 levels as they are more appropriate for a leadership program. EPA has retained the Draft 2 levels in this final draft as they balance efficiency gains and selection. Some commenters supported the signaling of a second tier timed with the DOE standard while others called on EPA to hold both Version 5 and Version 6 until the DOE standard is finalized. In light of the high ENERGY STAR market share for room air conditioners and to create an incentive for meaningful efficiency gains for the 2024 cooling season and beyond, EPA is moving to finalize the Version 5 specification now and will return to the Version 6 subsequently. Responses to each of these comments and others can be found in note boxes throughout the final draft specification as well as in the accompanying [Draft 2 Comment Response Matrix](#).

Final comments on the Version 5.0 Final Draft specification may be submitted **no later than February 9, 2023**, to [appliances@energystar.gov](mailto:appliances@energystar.gov). All comments received will be posted to the [ENERGY STAR Room Air Conditioners Version 5.0 Specification Development webpage](#), unless the submitter specifically requests that their comments remain confidential.

Please contact Katharine Kaplan, EPA, at [kaplan.katharine@epa.gov](mailto:kaplan.katharine@epa.gov) or (202) 343-9120, or Steve Leybourn, ICF, at [Steve.Leybourn@icf.com](mailto:Steve.Leybourn@icf.com) or (202) 862-1566, with any questions or concerns about the specification. Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

Best Regards,

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ENERGY STAR Labeled Products

Enclosures:

[ENERGY STAR Version 5.0 Room Air Conditioner Final Draft Specification](#)

[ENERGY STAR Version 5.0 Room Air Conditioner Draft 2 Comment Response Matrix](#)

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