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Dear ENERGY STAR[®] Emerging Technology Award Stakeholder:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks your input on a draft update to the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award criteria for advanced clothes dryers for 2014.

This draft reflects the previously announced EPA intent to continue the Award into 2014. Recognizing the likelihood of an ENERGY STAR specification for clothes dryers effective in 2015, we anticipate this will be the last year of the Award for advanced clothes dryers and have sought to harmonize the testing requirements with the ongoing ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer specification development efforts. The 2013 Emerging Technology Award criteria can be found on the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award website at <http://www.energystar.gov/about/awards/awards-archive/2013-emerging-technology-award-advanced-clothes-dryers>.

As a reminder, the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award was created to raise the profile of innovative technologies that have the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions once they are more widely adopted. With the finalization of a new Department of Energy test procedure that more effectively accounts for automatic termination effectiveness, EPA has an opportunity to recognize near-term advances in dryer control technology. As such, the updated recognition criteria reference the new Appendix D2 test method. Efficiency criteria in this draft have been increased from 2013 levels, approximately 25%, to account for new dryer models expected to be introduced to the marketplace this year.

Compact Dryers

In response to interest expressed by stakeholders to extend the ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Award to advanced compact clothes dryers, EPA has included proposed criteria for these products. EPA welcomes stakeholder feedback on extending the Award to compact products and the proposed recognition criteria.

Comment Submittal

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed recognition criteria to emergingtechnology@energystar.gov by April 1, 2014. In response to comments, EPA will revise and finalize the eligibility criteria, which we anticipate completing in early summer 2014. Once released, manufacturers with technologies that meet the eligibility criteria may begin submitting the necessary documentation for EPA review. Winners of the Award will be announced as it is determined that all Award criteria have been satisfied.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact me at (202) 343-9408 or banwell.peter@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Banwell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Banwell
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