



THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION

ENERGY STAR® PRODUCTS

SUBJECT: Items to be listed by EPA-Recognized Accreditation Bodies in Laboratory Scopes of Accreditation

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The following elaborates the Agency's requirements on how EPA-recognized accreditation bodies (ABs) must list test procedures on laboratory scopes of accreditation. This guidance differentiates laboratories seeking to test 1) lighting products, and 2) all other products, for ENERGY STAR purposes.

Lighting product categories

In the case of a laboratory applying for EPA-recognition to test lighting products pursuant to ENERGY STAR qualification, the EPA-recognized AB must include *at a minimum* in the laboratory's Scope of Accreditation the titles of the lighting-related test methods to which the AB is accrediting the laboratory. This may be in addition to or instead of the title of the relevant ENERGY STAR specification. Test methods shall be recorded on the Scope of Accreditation as they appear in "ENERGY STAR Guide to EPA Laboratory Recognition by Lighting Category," available on the ENERGY STAR website. EPA developed this document to assist laboratories, ABs, and Certification Bodies with identifying the test methods to which a laboratory must be accredited to gain EPA recognition for testing one or more lighting product types. EPA will update this document as necessary to remain consistent with lighting program requirements as they are introduced or revised.

All other ENERGY STAR product categories

In the case of the laboratory applying for EPA-recognition for testing non-lighting products pursuant to ENERGY STAR qualification, the EPA-recognized AB include *at a minimum* in the laboratory's Scope of Accreditation the title of the relevant ENERGY STAR product specification. If the laboratory is not accredited to the required test methods for every product subtype within the relevant product specifications, the AB should also list the specific product subtypes to which it has accredited the laboratory. Additional information may be included (specific test methods referenced by ENERGY STAR program requirements, for example), at the AB's discretion.

For all products, the AB must be able to confirm upon EPA request that an EPA-recognized laboratory is accredited to all appropriate test methods in the relevant ENERGY STAR product specification.