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Dear ENERGY STAR® TV Stakeholder:

I am pleased to inform you that the Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR TV products specification has been finalized and will take effect on November 1, 2008. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the specification. Stakeholder feedback, all Draft versions of the specification, and related proposals can be viewed on the *Revisions to Existing Product Specifications in Development* Web page at: www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment.

Enclosed, you will find the Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR Program Requirements. Based on careful consideration of stakeholder feedback, the following changes have been made to this Final Version 3.0 document:

- On Mode requirements for large-screen TVs now take effect for those units with a screen area of ≥ 1045 inch², (vs ≥ 1068 proposed in the Draft Final) to ensure that all TVs sold with an advertised viewable diagonal screen size of 50" must meet the same set of requirements.
- Minor text edits have been made to improve clarity of the document.

After many iterations of this specification, including proposals on discrete sections of the requirements, and active discussions with stakeholders, EPA considers the final specification language to be well vetted. Although EPA received several comments on the Draft Final document, nearly all of the input had previously been provided and carefully considered and, thus, did not result in a change to the specification text. These comments and an explanation of EPA's rationale for not including them in the specification are included in the attached Comment Response Document.

In the coming months, EPA will provide all stakeholders with separate instructions that explain how to continue as an ENERGY STAR partner for TVs under the new Version 3.0 specification. The instructions that will be provided at that time will include an updated Commitment Form and an outline of the data that manufacturers will need to report in the future for individual product qualification. Once this specification is in effect on November 1, 2008, a manufacturer must do two things to promote any products as ENERGY STAR qualified. First, the manufacturer must re-commit as a partner under the Version 3.0 specification by submitting a new Commitment Form. Second, the manufacturer must qualify products under Version 3.0 by **submitting qualifying product data for EPA review via the Online Product Submittal (OPS) tool at www.energystar.gov/ops**. Manufacturers who fail to submit an updated Commitment Form by **October 31, 2008**, will be removed from the ENERGY STAR Partner List.

EPA wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all stakeholders who provided feedback during the TV products specification revision process. On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and market your energy-efficient TVs. If you have any questions or concerns about the specification or partnership process, please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9120 or kaplan.katharine@epa.gov.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

Katharine Kaplan, EPA Product Manager
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Enclosures:

Final Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR TV Products Specification

Summary of Comments on the Draft Final Version 3.0 ENERGY STAR TV Products Specification with EPA Responses

Chart Showing Final Energy-Efficiency Requirements for HD/FHD TVs