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Dear Residential Ventilating Fan Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties:

I am pleased to announce the release of the final specification for ENERGY STAR[®] Labeled Residential Ventilating Fans. This specification outlines the criteria that ventilating fan manufacturers will need to meet to qualify their products for the ENERGY STAR label. The specification encourages manufacturers to find new ways to design, manufacture, and promote residential ventilating fans that maximize energy savings without compromising product performance.

Manufacturers may begin labeling their qualifying products on June 1, 2001, after signing an ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement with EPA. The Partnership Agreement includes requirements such as effective dates for product labeling, test procedures for manufacturers to determine compliance, ENERGY STAR logo use guidelines, and product submittal forms. Interested manufacturers may request a customized Partnership Agreement by e-mail. For instructions, visit www.energystar.gov and click on "Join Now."

ENERGY STAR's primary objective is to recognize the most energy-efficient products in the market. Therefore, this specification does not allow every model on the market to qualify for the label. EPA hopes that manufacturers will strive to improve the efficiency of products that do not meet the specification initially, thus helping to transform the market for residential ventilating fans.

EPA welcomes your comments about the specification at any time. The exchange of ideas and information between EPA and industry is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. EPA reserves the right to revise the specification should technological and/or market changes affect its usefulness to consumers, industry, or the environment. To ensure confidentiality when submitting comments, please mark appropriate information as "CBI" (Confidential Business Information). All such information will be closely held and will not be shared with others without prior consent. Comments should be sent by e-mail to fanara.andrew@epa.gov or by fax to (202) 565-2077.

For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov. Manufacturers can find Partner resources by clicking on "Partners." Also available are ENERGY STAR promotional ideas, a tools and documents library, and a "News" section with an electronic newsletter on the latest developments in ENERGY STAR.

Respectfully,

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