



ALUMINUM EXTRUDERS WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE PRODUCTS, MARKETS, AND THE INDUSTRY

March 27, 2003

Mr. Richard H. Karney, P.E.
Manager, Building Technologies Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20588

Dear Mr. Karney:

The attached comments reflect the views of the Aluminum Extruders Council, and that of our membership, with regard to the February 11, 2003 proposal to revise the Energy Star program for fenestration products. The Aluminum Extruders Council is the trade association of the leading manufacturers of extruded aluminum profiles in North America and throughout the world. AEC and its members are very concerned that the recent proposal will harm the aluminum window industry without significant benefits in energy conservation or long-term cost savings to customers. We respectfully request that the proposal be modified in accordance with alternatives presented in the attached comments. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these critically important issues.

Yours truly,

ALUMINUM EXTRUDERS COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rand A. Baldwin" with a stylized flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, the initials "RAB" are written in a smaller, simpler font.

Rand A. Baldwin, CAE
President

Enclosures

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