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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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July 14, 2021

Dear ENERGY STAR® Small Network Equipment Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder,

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing the sunset of the ENERGY STAR specification for small network equipment (SNE), effective July 13, 2022.

EPA received no comments objecting to sunsetting this product category. EPA received one set of comments disagreeing not with the sunset but rather the rationale EPA provided. The commenter noted that the Small Network Equipment Voluntary Agreement does not cover the market as completely as a minimum efficiency standard. They also argued that efficiency criteria could be set without negatively impact performance. EPA registers these comments but maintains that updating the ENERGY STAR test method and specification is not the best use of EPA's resources at this time. EPA will sunset the ENERGY STAR Small Network Equipment specification as outlined below.

Milestones for Sunsetting ENERGY STAR Small Network Equipment Products

The sunset will proceed consistent with the following milestones:

- ENERGY STAR SNE and their brand owners will continue to be recognized at www.energystar.gov until July 13, 2022.
- No new Partnership Agreements for ENERGY STAR SNE products will be accepted by EPA as of the date of this letter, July 14, 2021.
- Certification Bodies will be instructed to stop certifying new SNE product submittals as of January 13, 2022.
- No new promotional materials for SNE products (printed and electronic) that use the ENERGY STAR mark may be produced after January 13, 2022. Brand owners are permitted to use up existing printed material, including packaging, to minimize waste.
- Brand owners must stop using the ENERGY STAR name and ENERGY STAR mark in association with all SNE products on and after July 13, 2022.
- To minimize the cost of labeling changes and be in compliance by July 13, 2022, brand owners or SNE products are encouraged to remove ENERGY STAR references on Web sites or in other collateral materials as these materials are reprinted or changed.

Partners who have any questions or want to discuss their plans to discontinue labeling may contact

networking@energystar.gov. In closing, EPA appreciates the efforts of SNE product partners to advance a cleaner environment through the ENERGY STAR Program and applauds your success in moving the market towards greater energy efficiency. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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