

Attention Programmable Thermostat Partners and Other Interested Parties:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has spent the last few months reviewing and addressing all stakeholder written comments and questions regarding the Draft 1 ENERGY STAR programmable thermostat specification. During this time EPA also participated in a number of discussions with individual manufacturers by request. From these discussions and comments received both during and after the Portland stakeholder meeting, EPA is preparing a Draft 2 version of the specification and plans to release it for comment within the next two weeks.

It continues to be EPA's hope to finalize this specification over the next few months. Once the specification is final, manufacturers will have a year before the first effective date to meet the new ENERGY STAR requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Gwen Duff, ICF Consulting, at gduff@icfconsulting.com or (202) 862-1230. Thank you.