



FOR THE ATTENTION OF ACCREDITED TESTING LABORATORIES

US Environmental Protection Agency recognizes accredited laboratories

On June 30 2010, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized and distributed the Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of laboratories accredited by an ILAC signatory for the ENERGY STAR Program. These final requirements are an important step in the enhanced testing and verification effort that EPA intends to have in place for all ENERGY STAR qualified products at the end of 2010.

The ENERGY STAR products program has grown to encompass products in more than 60 categories and is used by millions of consumers in selecting products that help them save money and protect the environment. To ensure that ENERGY STAR remains a trusted symbol for environmental protection, the EPA and the US Department of Energy are pursuing enhancements for product qualification and verification. These include laboratory qualification and comprehensive verification testing.

The finalized EPA conditions follow extensive stakeholder consultation which supported the need to maintain the integrity of the ENERGY STAR brand through the use of accredited laboratories.

Laboratory Criteria & Application

The Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Laboratories for ENERGY STAR Laboratory Recognition are available for download from the ENERGY STAR website.

http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/downloads/mou/Criteria_Laboratories.pdf

Applications for EPA recognition for Laboratories will be available shortly on the EPA website at www.energystar.gov/testingandverification

It should be noted that the EPA is encouraging interested organizations to submit early applications.

Further information

ENERGY STAR qualified products are available in more than 60 categories for residential and commercial use. For further information on the products can be found at

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=partners.pt_products_and_program_reqs