

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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**TO: All Manufacturers of Major Home Appliances**

Dear Appliance Manufacturer:

California is participating in the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP) as enabled by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The SEEARP program is administered federally by the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE), and will be administered within the state by the California Energy Commission. California is currently developing its Comprehensive Plan for this program to be submitted to U.S. DOE no later than October 15, 2009.

As part of the process of determining which appliances the state will include in its rebate offerings under the SEEARP, we want you to be aware of a fundamental criterion for selecting these appliances in California.

California's Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations) specifies a minimum level of energy efficiency for several categories of appliances. Under Title 20, in order for these appliances to be legally sold or offered for sale in California, manufacturers must certify to the Energy Commission that their appliances comply with these energy efficiency regulations through our relatively straightforward certification process.

To be a part of the SEEARP in California, appliances eligible for rebates must not only be ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> listed, but **also certified to the Energy Commission**. Non-certified appliances cannot be lawfully sold or offered for sale in California. To ensure that we know exactly which appliances will qualify for rebates, **we will only include in the California program those appliances in the as yet chosen categories that are included in our appliance database (<http://appliances.energy.ca.gov/QuickSearch.aspx>) no later than 60 days prior to the initiation of California's program**. Information on how to certify appliances for legal sale in California can be found at: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/database/CERTIFICATION\\_DATA\\_SUBMITTAL\\_GENERAL\\_INSTRUCTIONS.PDF](http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/database/CERTIFICATION_DATA_SUBMITTAL_GENERAL_INSTRUCTIONS.PDF). If your ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>-listed appliances, covered under the Title 20 regulations, are already certified to California, thank you for your compliance.

If you have any questions concerning the certification process please feel free to contact me at (916) 654-4075 or via email at [lwhite@energy.ca.us](mailto:lwhite@energy.ca.us). You can also send your e-mail to: [appliances@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:appliances@energy.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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