



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Mariah Steele
ENERGY STAR Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 62023
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Steele:

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") selected a Danby-brand dehumidifier, model DDR7009REE, for testing as part of DOE's ENERGY STAR® Verification Testing Program. On March 18, 2013, DOE notified the manufacturer of this model, [REDACTED] that the model did not meet the minimum energy factor required for a model of its capacity according to the applicable ENERGY STAR specification.

[REDACTED] replied to DOE representatives about DOE's results. [REDACTED] also provided test data from previous testing of this model; the test data provided documented a higher energy factor than that observed in the DOE testing. [REDACTED] could not, however, point out any concerns with the DOE testing beyond the inconsistency of the results.

Based on DOE's test results, DOE has therefore determined that Danby-brand dehumidifier model DDR7009REE¹ does not meet the applicable ENERGY STAR specification. Accordingly, DOE is referring this matter to the Environmental Protection Agency, the brand manager for ENERGY STAR.

Please feel free to contact me at laura.barhydt@hq.doe.gov should you require any further information.

Sincerely,
/s/

Laura L. Barhydt
Assistant General Counsel
for Enforcement

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¹ You should also be aware that [REDACTED] has certified to DOE that the model DDR70A1GP is part of the same basic model as the DDR7009REE. Further, the test data provided by [REDACTED] was based upon testing a unit of the DDR70A1GP (not the DDR7009REE) and listed the difference as "cosmetic".

