



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Leslie Jones
ENERGY STAR Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Room 62023
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Dear Ms. Jones:

On October 20, 2010, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) notified Electrolux Major Appliance (Electrolux) that DOE had tested the Frigidaire brand chest freezer model FFN09M5HW* manufactured by Electrolux as part of the ENERGY STAR Testing Pilot Program, and that, according to Stage I testing, this model exceeded allowable ENERGY STAR energy-efficiency requirements by 20 percent. DOE gave Electrolux until November 1, 2010, to request additional testing or have this matter referred to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for disqualification from the ENERGY STAR program.

On November 1, Electrolux requested additional testing of its chest freezer model FFN09M5HW*. Accordingly, DOE proceeded with Stage II testing under Pilot Program. Subsequently, on December 7, 2010, an Electrolux representative sent an email to DOE stating that Electrolux had determined through its certified test lab that there is a manufacturing problem with the Frigidaire brand chest freezer model FFN09M5HW, "which has caused some inconsistency in the energy performance of these units." Electrolux requested that the EPA "de-list this model from the Energy Star program effective immediately."

Accordingly, DOE is referring this matter to EPA, the brand manager for ENERGY STAR, for appropriate action. EPA may also wish to identify whether the Electrolux manufactured model at issue is being sold as an ENERGY STAR model under other brand names. Please feel free to contact Laura Barhydt of my staff at 202-287-5772 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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