



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Ms. Steele:

The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") selected a Haier-brand dehumidifier, model DE45EK, for testing as part of DOE's ENERGY STAR® Verification Testing Program. On October 24, 2012, DOE notified the manufacturer of this model, Haier America Trading, L.L.C. ("Haier"), that the model did not meet the minimum energy factor required for a model of its capacity according to the applicable ENERGY STAR specification.

Haier replied to, and later spoke with, DOE representatives about DOE's results. Haier 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. Haier 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 Haier-brand dehumidifier model DE45EK 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/

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