



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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VIA EMAIL

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ENERGY STAR Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Steele:

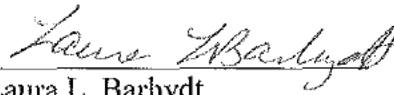
The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") selected an Intirion Corporation ("Intirion") refrigerator, basic model MFRA-4GF, for testing as part of DOE's ENERGY STAR[®] Verification Testing Program. On November 1, 2011, DOE notified Intirion that the model did not meet the ENERGY STAR energy efficiency requirement for maximum permitted annual energy usage. DOE gave Intirion until November 21, 2011, to respond.

Intirion responded to DOE via email on November 22, 2011, submitting its own letter and a letter from [redacted] the original equipment manufacturer of the relevant model. Intirion explained that [redacted] had contemporaneous testing records demonstrating that the model met the applicable ENERGY STAR requirements. [redacted] however, had not had time to analyze why DOE's test results may have differed from test results. Therefore, in [redacted] letter to Intirion, [redacted] recommended that Intirion "not represent . . . that any units of MFRA-4GF still in [its] possession are ENERGY STAR qualified."

Based on DOE's testing, DOE has determined that Intirion refrigerator basic model MFRA-4GF does not meet the ENERGY STAR efficiency requirement. Accordingly, DOE is referring this matter to the Environmental Protection Agency, the brand manager for ENERGY STAR.

Please feel free to contact me at 202-287-5772 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,


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