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**Subject:** Re: EPA Responses on Energy Star Appliances

Thanks Enesta.

Christina

On Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 11:33 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Christina,

**“ENERGY STAR is the symbol of superior energy efficiency with more than 90 percent of American households recognizing the label.” – EPA spokesperson**

**On background:**

**Does every mandatory appliance and equipment standard have a corresponding ENERGY STAR specification?**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR program covers over 75 product categories including most of the products that are subject to mandatory minimum standards. Everything from appliances, heating and cooling equipment, electronics, and office products to data center equipment and commercial food service equipment. Products that earn the label are independently certified to meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA to save energy, save money and protect the environment. Find a complete list at: <https://www.energystar.gov/products>.

**Do ENERGY STAR specifications tend to apply only to appliances that exceed mandatory standards? By how much?**

For any given appliance or product category, models on the market reflect a range of different efficiency performance levels above the minimum mandatory standards. ENERGY STAR specifications are set to capture the performance of the most efficient models in a category. How much they exceed the standard varies and depends on the range of what is available, whether there are products from more than one manufacturer that can meet them, and whether the savings outweigh any added cost.

**Is ENERGY STAR covering products for which there is no mandatory standard yet?**

Yes, for categories where there are no minimum standards, such as televisions, the specification setting process is the same and reflects top performance across the range of what is available on the market.

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Hello,

I'm a writer working on a script for a new show from PBS called Hot Mess (<https://www.pbs.org/show/hot-mess/>). The episode will cover appliance standards and how they have helped saved money and emissions.

I have what I hope is a relatively simple set of questions about the overlap between the voluntary ENERGY STAR specifications and mandatory appliance standards. More specifically:

- does every mandatory appliance and equipment standard have a corresponding ENERGY STAR specification?
- do ENERGY STAR specifications tend to apply only to appliances that exceed mandatory standards? By how much?
- is ENERGY STAR covering products for which there is no mandatory standard yet?

My deadline for this script is Thursday, if it would be possible to get an answer before then. Many thanks,

Christina

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