



## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Announces Revised ENERGY STAR Criteria

On March 11, 2009, the U.S. DOE announced the release of the *ENERGY STAR for Windows, Doors, and Skylights Revised Draft Criteria and Report*.

This draft represents the U.S. DOE's latest assessment of the ENERGY STAR program, including its consideration of stakeholder comments submitted last November. The draft also considers certain limits in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Specifically, the U.S. DOE has changed the ENERGY STAR program criteria to:

- Exceed 09 IECC
- Simplify Northern Zone tradeoffs
- Remain at four (4) climate zones instead of the proposed six
- Allow windows to reflect a broader range of available products
- Enable skylights to reflect available products
- Permit doors to correctly reflect glazing combinations
- Continue evaluating additional requirements for submission of shipment data
- Exclude Tubular Daylighting Products
- Postpone phase 2 criteria development

The U.S. DOE will accept feedback on this document until March 25, 2009.

Further information is available at these links:

1. Cover letter from Richard H. Karney, P.E., ENERGY STAR Program Manager  
[http://www.drintl.com/html/cover/CoverLetter\\_11Mar09.pdf](http://www.drintl.com/html/cover/CoverLetter_11Mar09.pdf) .
2. *ENERGY STAR for Windows, Doors, and Skylights Revised Draft Criteria and Report*  
[http://www.drintl.com/html/cover/WindowsDoorsSkylights\\_RevisedCriteriaAnalyses\\_11Mar09.pdf](http://www.drintl.com/html/cover/WindowsDoorsSkylights_RevisedCriteriaAnalyses_11Mar09.pdf)

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