

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Request for Information Pertaining to Test Procedures for Dishwashers

#### 1. What is the purpose of this notice?

This Request for Information (“RFI”) initiates the review process outlined by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and seeks input from the public to assist the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) with its determination about whether amended test procedures are warranted for dishwashers.

Information received in response to this request will help DOE determine whether amending the test procedures for dishwashers would more accurately or fully comply with the requirements for the test procedures to not be unduly burdensome to conduct and be reasonably designed to produce test results that reflect energy efficiency, energy use, and estimated operating costs during a representative average use cycle or period of use.

This RFI is part of DOE’s ongoing commitment to consider feedback from all interested stakeholders and promote an open and transparent rulemaking process.

#### 2. What type of information is the Department looking for?

In this RFI, DOE seeks feedback from interested parties on the following topics:

- test procedure representativeness;
- repeatability and reproducibility; and
- efficiency metrics.

#### 3. What is a dishwasher?

Dishwashers are cabinet-like appliances that, with the aid of water and detergent, wash, rinse, and dry dishware, glassware, eating utensils, and most cooking utensils.

#### 4. How much energy do dishwashers consume?

In 2015, consumer dishwashers used 0.2 quads per year of primary energy, which accounted for about 1 percent of residential electricity use and 0.2 percent of total U.S. energy use.

#### 5. How many dishwashers are shipped annually in the United States?

Approximately 8 million dishwashers were shipped in the United States in 2017.

#### 6. Who are the parties that may be interested in this notice?

Interested parties include manufacturers of dishwashers, trade associations, distributors, energy utilities, state agencies, international organizations, and consumer, energy, and environmental advocacy groups.

#### 7. How does an interested party comment on this notice and when are comments due?

The comment period for this rule will be 30 days, beginning on the date in which this document publishes in the *Federal Register*. Interested parties may submit comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> or via email to [ResDishwasher2016TP0012@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ResDishwasher2016TP0012@ee.doe.gov), identified with docket number EERE-2016-BT-TP-0012. Comments may also be submitted via postal mail or hand delivery by following the instructions found in the document.