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To members of the interested public:

On Friday, January 20, 2006, the new proposed regulations implementing the Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act (EESA) were published in the Maryland Register. There is a 30-day comment period during which all persons are invited to review the regulations and provide comment by February 20, 2006.

The new EESA proposed regulations incorporate the recent EESA amendments enacted June 1, 2005 (HB 1030, Chapter 411) and address the preemptions issue caused by the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005. These regulations provide that the EESA only covers those products not preempted by the federal law effective January 2006: unit heaters, low-voltage dry-type distribution transformers, commercial refrigeration cabinets and large packaged air-conditioners.

The proposed regulations may be directly accessed from the Maryland Energy Administration Web site: <http://www.energy.state.md.us>. They may also be accessed from the Maryland Register Web site for January 20, 2006, Volume 33, Issue 2, page 167: http://www.dsd.state.md.us/mdregister/3302/main_register.htm. At the top of the page in the box marked "**Search this page for**" type the words Maryland Energy Administration and click on the Find to get to the Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards regulations.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or David Cronin via e-mail at dcronin@energy.state.md.us or by telephone at (410) 260-7543. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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