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## Verification Clarification Report #2A

PVC Clarification #2 was issued in July regarding use of the exceptions field (the field which subscribers can fill in on the Registry to identify configurations of a product that are not conformant with a criterion). Since then, the complexities of ES 4.0 compliance, and their impact on designating specific configurations that are, or are not, EPEAT conformant, has been brought to our attention. We will be forming a Task Force to address this and the many issues raised for EPEAT by ES 4.0, and to develop a comprehensive solution. That solution may be implemented via Interpretations or Amendments to IEEE 1680 – a process that we are initiating anyway – or in new features on the Registry. Please contact Wayne Rifer ([wayne.rifer@greenelectronicscouncil.org](mailto:wayne.rifer@greenelectronicscouncil.org)) if you are interested in participating in this ENERGY STAR 4.0 task force.

In the meantime, we wish to provide *limited temporary flexibility in use of the exceptions field*. Unless and until the 1680 Standard is amended, the exceptions field must be used to identify specific configurations, per PVC Clarification #2. However, until the ES 4.0 solution is implemented, we will allow a note in the Exceptions field that states that certain configurations of the product may not be ENERGY STAR 4.0 compliant, and that specific compliant, or non-compliant, configurations can be identified through contact with your company.

This non-specific use of the exceptions field is not in strict conformance with 1680 and will only be permitted until a full ES 4.0 solution is implemented.