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VERIFICATION PLAN – ROUND 2011-02 April 2011

Product Verification Committee

I. PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This plan describes the verification process to be used in the second EPEAT Verification Round for 2011, including the criteria that will be verified, the number of products to be verified for each criterion, and the method of verification for each.

The products and subscribers to be verified are not specifically identified. The intent is for the PVC to be blind to the specific product and subscriber about which they are making decisions. This information will be known by the staff and the Qualified Verifier, but will not be provided to the PVC until after completion of the conformance/non-conformance findings of the Round. However, when subscribers present specific information to the PVC regarding a decision, the subscriber and product will be revealed to the PVC in order to resolve any issues.

II. PRODUCT VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

Following are the members of the PVC:

Patty Dillon, Dillon Environmental Associates

Jack Geibig, Director, Center for Clean Products, University of Tennessee

Jim Arnold, Technical and Program Management Consultant, Rissa Studios

III. QUALIFIED VERIFIERS

Following are the members of the Qualified Verifier (QV) team:

Patricia Atherton
Consultant

Pamela Brody-Heine
EcoStewardship Strategies

Stephen Greene, Principal
Howland Greene Consulting

Kim Holmes
4R Sustainability

Kelley Keogh
Sin Fronteras Consulting

Carson Maxted
Consultant

Dresden Skees-Gregory
Sustainable Environmental Services

Dawn Van Seggen
Consultant



IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF ROUND 2011-02

Round 2011-02 will investigate two optional criteria. The two criteria are:

- 4.1.7.1 Optional – Batteries free of lead, cadmium, and mercury.
- 4.5.2.1 Optional – Renewable energy accessory available.

This Round is conducted under the revised IEEE 1680 and 1680.1 standard including the new international registry representing 41 countries. These criteria will be investigated on a randomly selected product from all subscribers for which these criteria are applicable. All aspects of the requirements of these criteria will be investigated using level one investigations unless information discovered during the investigation points to further investigation.

V. SELECTION OF PRODUCTS AND CRITERIA FOR VERIFICATION

Round 2011-02 will investigate two criteria-- 4.1.7.1 and 4.5.2.1 -- for randomly selected applicable products from each subscriber.

Criterion 4.1.7.1 was selected because it has not yet been verified. Criterion 4.5.2.1 is an optional criterion that historically very few Subscribers declared. It has been chosen for this verification round due to an increasing number of Subscribers claiming it. These investigations will also demonstrate whether recent advancements in technology provide Subscribers with the opportunity to claim this optional point.

A total of 14 investigations will be conducted. Ten products will be randomly selected for verification out of a list of all Subscribers claiming "Yes" to 4.1.7.1. A single product will be randomly selected from each of 4 companies who recently claimed 4.5.2.1.

1. A snapshot will be taken of the Registry prior to the start of the Verification Round.
2. This Verification Round Plan lists the two criteria that will be verified and the method of verification that will be used.
3. This Verification Round will begin directly after the snapshot of the Registry is taken. At that time, the product for investigation for each subscriber will be selected by EPEAT staff and Qualified Verifiers will immediately begin the investigation.

Possible Out-of-Sequence Selections

In the event of special circumstances, the PVC may, at its prerogative, decide to schedule an additional investigation(s) at any time, including while this Verification Round is in progress. If the PVC determines that such investigation should be included as a part of this Verification Round, this Verification Round Plan will be amended and reissued without disrupting the timing of the other verification investigations.

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VI. INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENTS

The following Qualified Verifiers will investigate the criteria:

- Stephen Greene
- Dresden Skees-Gregory

ROUND 2011-02 INVESTIGATIONS

Criterion		Verification Selection and Process	Number of Investigations
4.1.7.1	Optional - Batteries free of lead, cadmium, and mercury.	This criterion has been chosen because it has not yet been verified. Ten products will be randomly selected for verification out of a list of all Subscribers claiming "Yes" to 4.1.7.1.	10
4.5.2.1	Optional – Renewable energy accessory available.	This criterion has been chosen due to an increase in Subscriber declarations to this previously difficult to meet criterion and technological changes that may have changed the ability of Subscribers to meet it. A single product will be randomly selected from each of 4 companies who recently claimed this point.	4
Total number of investigations			14