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All -

Thank you for the meeting yesterday -- I thought it was a good conversation, and I hope it will lead to increased collaborative efforts to ensure that California ratepayer money is used only for rebates for highly-efficient appliances that are Title 20 and Title 24 compliant.

As I told you yesterday, there have been several reports authored in the last few years that are critical of the Energy Star certification process, particularly one from the U.S. GAO from March of this year. The links to those reports are listed below:

- EPA's Office of Inspector General

www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2009/20081217-09-P-0061.pdf

www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2007/20070801-2007-P-00028.pdf

- U.S. DOE's Office of Inspector General

www.ig.energy.gov/documents/IG-0827-508.pdf

and

- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-470

Also, both Energy Star and DOE are undertaking efforts to improve their certification, verification, and enforcement procedures. Below are the links to the respective efforts:

Energy Star -
[www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=partners.enhanced test verification](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=partners.enhanced_test_verification)

DOE - [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/pdfs/re-enforcement rfi notice.pdf](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/pdfs/re-enforcement_rfi_notice.pdf)

Thanks again.

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