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**NOTIFICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS: GREEN SEAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTING (CFLs), GS-5, REVISION ISSUANCE**

The revised Green Seal Environmental Standard for Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFLs), GS-5, is complete and is now available for applications for Green Seal certification.

The standard establishes a broad set of environmental requirements for these energy efficient lighting products. The standard provides a way to identify high quality CFLs with long life, low mercury content, lead-free, manufactured responsibly, packaging with recycled content, and with free mechanisms for recycling used CFLs. The standard can serve as a tool to help companies begin to take action to improve their products and is available for certification. The standard can be found at: [http://www.greenseal.org/certification/GS-5\\_cfl.cfm](http://www.greenseal.org/certification/GS-5_cfl.cfm)

Green Seal is accepting applications for certification to GS-5, with information available at: <http://www.greenseal.org/getcertified/index.cfm>. Green Seal certification involves a Green Seal technical staff review of data and information for compliance to the standard's requirements. A site visit is then conducted to evaluate the manufacturing and quality control for the product. Labels and marketing material is also reviewed for compliance to the standard and FTC requirements. If the product meets the Green Seal standard, it will be awarded the Green Seal. The seal may be used on the product, in advertising, promotional materials, catalogs, and in operation/business descriptions.

Once certified, products are subject to annual monitoring to ensure that they continue to meet the standard. Any deviation is immediately brought to the company's attention and corrective action must be instituted within an appropriate time. Non-compliance may result in termination of the manufacturer's privilege to carry the Green Seal.

Thank you for your interest and time to help develop this new standard, and we look forward to helping company make and consumers find environmentally preferable CFLs.

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