



Dear Members:

We have an important update to share – the EPA is going to release later this evening a **PROPOSAL** which, *if* enacted, would provide sell-through for Step 1 appliances until November 30, 2020. After the 45-day comment period (which begins the date the proposal is published in the *Federal Register*), EPA will make a final decision on the proposal; if EPA grants sell-through, retailers will legally be allowed to sell Step 1 appliances through November 30, 2020. There are still a number of questions that we are working on getting answered, so stay tuned for additional updates in the coming days.

Between May 15 and whenever (if ever) sell-through is provided, you should store your Step 1 appliances in your back room or warehouse with signs that clearly state “NOT FOR SALE.” If sell-through is not granted, you will not be able to sell these Step 1 products. You will not even be able to give them away.

As we’ve been saying from the beginning, nothing is definite until the final rule is published, but this is a promising new development.

This wouldn’t have happened if our members hadn’t stepped up to share their stories with us so we could share them with the EPA – your participation made the difference. There will be a 45-day public comment period and your feedback will once again be needed. EPA will need to hear from you directly for the proposal to stand any chance of being adopted. Please contact [Rachel Feinstein](#) if you have any questions.

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.hpba.org/Advocacy/EPAs-NSPS>



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