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**AHAM AIR CLEANER TEST METHOD
CONTINUES TO GAIN VISIBILITY**

WASHINGTON, DC (April 15, 2005)-- The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers performance test method for portable air cleaners, ANSI/AHAM-AC-1-2002 was recently updated and approved following an external peer review by a panel of indoor air quality experts. The ANSI/AHAM-AC-1-2002 is the only nationally recognized performance test method available to measure room air cleaner performance in removal of airborne particulates.

The standard will now undergo separate review by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to maintain its status as an ANSI approved American National Standard. The process of obtaining ANSI approval includes providing all interested stakeholders with an opportunity to provide comments about the standard. The standard is expected to gain ANSI approval by the end of 2005 and should be released as the ANSI/ AHAM-AC-1 2005.

The AHAM Standard will also be submitted to the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) for consideration as an international standard and will be discussed at an upcoming IEC meeting in Frankfurt at the end of April.

The AC-1 test method has gained visibility and credibility in the marketplace through the Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) Certification Program, administered by AHAM, and through its use as the basis of the Consumer Reports air cleaner performance testing. The CADR Certification Program is a voluntary program that verifies manufacturer product performance ratings based on room size for the removal of smoke, dust and pollen. Currently, 24 manufacturers have their portable room air cleaners certified through the CADR program.

More information on the Clean Air Delivery Rate Certification Program is available at www.cadr.org. The AHAM-AC-1-2005 test method is available for purchase at <http://www.aham.org/products/productitem.cfm?recordID=318>.

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