

# EPEAT Program

## 2021 Schedule of Continuous Monitoring Rounds



### Overview

EPEAT® is a comprehensive voluntary sustainability Type 1 ecolabel that helps purchasers identify more sustainable electronic products that have superior environmental and social performance. Central to EPEAT are conformity assurance activities that meet the technical rigor and credibility needs of the institutional purchasers who rely upon it.

The EPEAT Program ensures the veracity of EPEAT-registered products through an ongoing surveillance process known as Continuous Monitoring. Continuous Monitoring activities occur throughout the year and test the ability of Participating Manufacturers to prove conformance with EPEAT criteria on an ongoing basis. All EPEAT-registered products in all product categories and all Participating Manufacturers are subject to Continuous Monitoring.

Continuous Monitoring occurs as part of annual Documentation Review activities conducted by EPEAT-approved CABs for the Certification Pathway (called Annual Renewal) and in the form of Investigations planned by the EPEAT Program and implemented by EPEAT-approved Conformity Assurance Bodies (CABs) within discrete timeframes (called Continuous Monitoring Rounds).

### 2021 Schedule

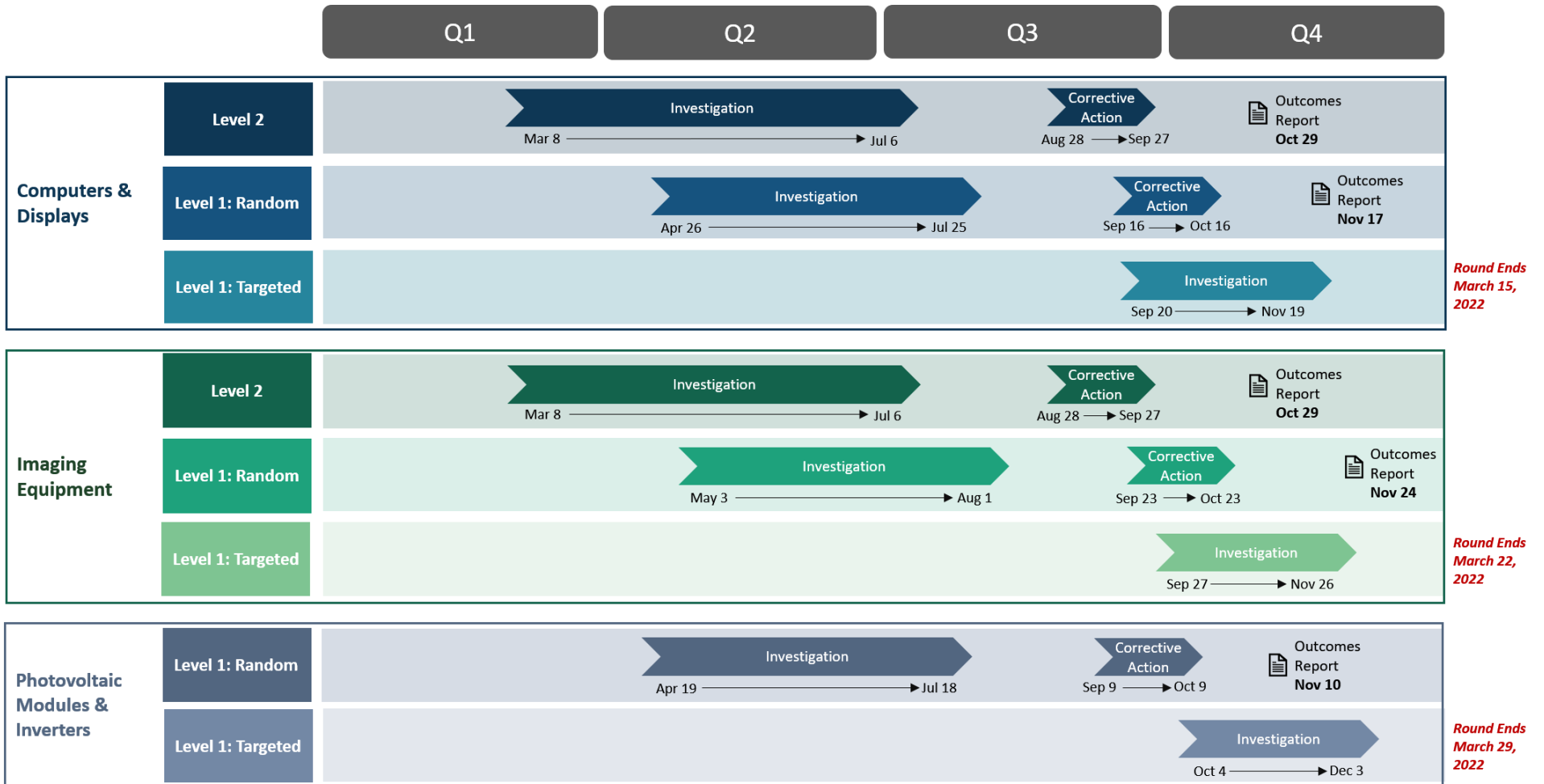
The following pages contain the 2021 Schedule of Continuous Monitoring Rounds for each EPEAT product category. Each Round has specific timeframes for:

- Investigation: When CABs actively investigate Participating Manufacturers' product claims. In any year, the EPEAT Program may direct CABs to implement the following activities:
  - Level 0 investigations: CABs review publicly available information without the Participating Manufacturer's involvement.
  - Level 1 investigations: CABs review evidence provided by Participating Manufacturers.
  - Level 2 investigations: CABs facilitate laboratory evaluation of products, where products are acquired without the Participating Manufacturer's involvement, where possible.
- Corrective Action: When Participating Manufacturers take action to correct nonconformances and maintain accuracy of the EPEAT Registry.
- Outcomes Report: When the EPEAT Program publishes an Outcomes Report containing results of investigations. Signifies the end of the Round.

In light of the continuing challenges created by the COVID Pandemic, the Investigation Phase of all Rounds scheduled to start in the first and second quarters of 2021 have been extended by 30 days.

GEC is committed to transparency; therefore the 2021 Schedule of Continuous Monitoring Rounds and their results are made publicly available. GEC believes that this public disclosure of outcomes (Outcomes Report) is an incentive for Participating Manufacturers to maintain accurate declarations. This annual schedule is also made available to both Participating Manufacturers and CABs to facilitate their resource planning for the year.

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