



Dear DLC Members and Stakeholders:

The DesignLights Consortium (DLC) is pleased to release Draft 1 of the QPL Integrity Policy for public comment. This policy brings together requirements and procedures that the DLC already applies across its programs, along with clarifications and proposed changes. Together, these form a single resource for maintaining the integrity of the DLC Qualified Products Lists (QPLs).

DLC qualification has value because listed products have undergone independent third-party testing that is reviewed against rigorous technical requirements. Efficiency programs rely on QPL data to support incentives, and the broader market relies on it to identify products that can be installed with confidence. That confidence depends on accurate information: listed products must continue to reflect the data submitted to the DLC, and DLC logos, trademarks, and qualification claims must accurately represent a product's qualification status. When they do not, incentive processing can be delayed, buyers can be misled, and the value of qualification is weakened for manufacturers that have invested in it.

To enable efficient review of the draft, all substantive changes to policy requirements are highlighted or struck through. Minor editorial changes that do not affect requirements are not marked. Stakeholders should review the Introduction and Document Scope sections closely, as they outline what the policy covers, and which requirements have been consolidated, renamed, or revised.

The QPL Integrity Policy focuses on these goals:

- Consolidate the DLC's QPL integrity requirements into one resource
- Combine and reposition the existing Solid-State Lighting (SSL) and Horticultural (Hort) surveillance policies under the new name "Routine Quality Monitoring"
- Clarify correct logo and trademark use as well as the processes for logo and trademark violation enforcement, and product misrepresentation
- Define how the DLC communicates compliance matters and how notification, escalation, appeal, and relisting steps work
- Provide stakeholders with a clear understanding of how the DLC protects QPL integrity, including the criteria used to select products for testing and to classify violations
- Support accurate QPL information, fair competition, and smoother incentive and specification processes for everyone who depends on QPL data

Public Comment Period

Comments must be submitted using the form linked below between August 24 and October 2 for consideration. Please submit all comments to comments@designlights.org. Your feedback will inform the final policy, which the DLC expects to publish with an effective date of January 11, 2027.



Supporting Resources

[QPL Integrity Policy – Draft 1](#)

[Comment Form](#)

QPL Integrity Policy Release Webinar – September 2, 2026

Join the DLC for an overview of Draft 1 of the QPL Integrity Policy. This webinar will walk through the key updates, highlight changes from the current effective versions of the SSL and Hort surveillance policies, and include a live Q&A session.

[Register for the QPL Integrity release webinar](#)

Sincerely,

The DLC Team