

Accelerated (appeal) examination for green technology patent applications

A new pilot program designed to put green technology patent applications on an accelerated (appeal) examination schedule was initiated on November 1, 2009.

Targeted Applications

Green technology patent applications can be placed on an accelerated (appeal) examination schedule. Green technology patent applications include applications directed to inventions that exhibit advantages in reducing energy consumption, reducing CO₂ and the like.

Description of Circumstances

(1) Description of circumstances

Item 1: An explanation of circumstances concerning accelerated (appeal) examination should include a short description that explains that the claimed invention has an advantage in reducing consumption, reducing CO₂ and the like in a reasonable manner, based on the disclosure of the specification of the application.

(2) Description of disclosure of prior art and comparative explanation

Item 2: The disclosure of prior art and comparative explanation should include a description of prior art, an explanation comparing the invention of the application with the prior art, and the like, based on a prior art search.