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RE: Registration and Reporting Requirements for Large Non-Residential Refrigeration Systems using High-Global Warming Refrigerants

California's Refrigerant Management Program (RMP), designed to reduce emissions and leaks from large non-residential refrigeration systems using gases that trap heat in the atmosphere at high levels, went into effect on January 1, 2011. Facility owners and operators with "Large" refrigeration systems—that is, systems that have a normal operating charge of 2,000 lb. or more of high-global warming refrigerants—were required to register by March 1, 2012.

I am sending you this letter on behalf of RMP because your facility may have a "Large" refrigeration system under the new Refrigerant Management Program and is required to register and report to the California Air Resources Board (ARB).

You must register and report your refrigeration system to ARB if your refrigeration system has a normal operating charge of 2,000 lb or more of the following refrigerants: chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

It is important to note that refrigeration systems using non-high-global warming refrigerants such as ammonia and CO₂ are **not** subject to the rule. Air-conditioning systems used *exclusively* for cooling occupants of a building (comfort cooling) are also **not** required to be registered.

If your facility is subject to registration and reporting in 2012, you must register your facility and applicable refrigeration systems immediately. Facility owners subject to the 2012 reporting requirement who fail to register applicable refrigeration systems are subject to site inspections, notice of violations and cumulative daily penalties for failure to comply with this regulation.

How to Register

Please use the secure online Refrigerant Registration and Reporting (R3) Tool at <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/rmp-r3/> to register your system(s).

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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*If you believe your facility is not subject to the registration and reporting requirements in 2012, please complete the Attachment and return it to ARB **by September 10, 2012** to:*

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You may also email it to: reftrackinfo@arb.ca.gov.

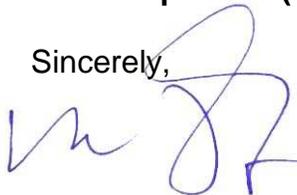
Failure to respond may result in a follow-up call or site inspection to confirm whether your facility has applicable refrigeration systems. This information will be used to update our records and mailing list for future compliance requirements and deadlines.

If your refrigeration system has a normal operating charge between 50 lb. to 1,999 lb. of high-global warming refrigerants, you are not required to register in 2012. You are, however, required to meet the leak inspection, repair, and record-keeping requirements of the rule. You will be required to register in 2014 if your largest refrigeration system has a refrigerant charge of 200–1,999 lb. and register in 2016 if your largest refrigeration system has a refrigerant charge of 50–199 lb. For more details on the rule applicability and requirements, please review the FAQ available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/refrack/rmpfaq.pdf>.

For additional information about the Refrigerant Management Program, please visit our website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/StopRefrigerantLeaks>.

If you have questions regarding this letter or Refrigerant Management Program registration and reporting requirements, **email reftrackinfo@arb.ca.gov or call the RMP Helpline at (916) 324-2517.**

Sincerely,



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