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Notice to Refrigerant Distributors, Wholesalers and Reclaimers

New State Law Requirement for Refrigerants Effective January 1, 2011

On January 1, refrigerant distributors, wholesalers, and reclaimers are subject to a new state regulation to minimize emissions of environmentally harmful refrigerants. This regulation builds on long established federal regulations on refrigerants.

The state regulation requires that beginning in 2011, all affected refrigerant distributors, wholesalers and reclaimers keep on site records of all refrigerant received or distributed through sales or transfers. You are not affected by this new regulation if you sell or distribute refrigerants such as ammonia or carbon dioxide.

Starting in 2012 the affected refrigerant distributor and wholesale businesses are required to report to the Air Resources Board information on the total statewide amount of refrigerant that was received, distributed, or shipped to a reclaimer the previous year. Reclaimers must report the total amount of refrigerants they received, reclaimed or destroyed in California, and shipped out of California for reclamation or destruction.

Please visit the Refrigerant Management Program website at www.arb.ca.gov/cc/reftrack/reftrack.htm for complete details on all the requirements. If you have questions, you can email Air Resources Board staff at reftrackinfo@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 324-2517.

Reducing refrigerant emissions is one of the most cost-effective ways to clean California's air while also saving businesses money on costly refrigerants. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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