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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Comments on Regulation for the Management of High Global Warming Potential Refrigerants for Stationary Sources, Attachment A Proposed 15-Day Modifications

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) submits the following comments for your consideration:

Subsection 95388(b) (3), Page A-34

This section requires the facility owner to report refrigerant purchases, use and disposal on a facility basis. However, in reality, the refrigerant can only be purchased by certified A/C technicians, and the A/C technician may use the same bottle of refrigerant to refill equipment at multiple facilities. Also, the A/C technician may collect used refrigerant from multiple facilities for recycling/disposal. This is the case for LADWP facilities which makes it infeasible to estimate the quantities of refrigerants purchased and disposed of on a facility basis.

To address this concern, the LADWP proposes to assign the purchase, storage and shipping of all refrigerants to a single facility in order to accurately represent its corporate-level management of these functions, while the amount of refrigerant charged and recovered will be reported at each facility. Please clarify if this approach fully complies with the regulation.

Subsection 95385(g), Page A-24

This section requires a leak check be conducted any time an oil residue is observed. However, an oil residue may remain from past repair or service if it was not cleaned-up at that time.

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Please clarify the intent of this provision. We believe a leak inspection should only be required if the new oil residue is observed indicating a new leak. ARB may further clarify that an owner/operator may determine whether the oil residue is indicative of a new leak or not based on records maintained by the owner/operator.

Subsection 95397(e), Page A-48

If a request for exemption is denied, this section allows an owner/operator the option to repair a leak within 14 days or prepare a retrofit/retirement plan within 30 days.

Please clarify that a facility opting to prepare a retrofit/compliance plan will not be deemed in non-compliance during the 30 day period allowed for preparing the plan.

LADWP appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on the revised regulation.

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