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Refrigerant Management Canada to Increase Levy on HCFCs and HFCs Effective January 1, 2021

Mississauga, Ontario, - The Refrigerant Management Canada (RMC) Board of Directors recently conducted an in-depth analysis of the program. Upon review of the volumes of refrigerant, the impact resulting from the import prohibition of HCFCs in 2020, refrigerant inventories and industry trends, it was determined that an increase in the HCFC and HFC levies are required to ensure the RMC Program has sufficient funds to handle the anticipated volume of refrigerants over the next couple of years.

Please be advised that on January 1, 2021 the environmental levy on the sales of new and reclaimed HCFCs or HCFC blends, as well as HFCs and HFC blends sold into the Canadian HVACR and stationary sectors will increase as follows:

- HCFC Levy will increase by \$0.50, increasing the levy rate to **\$5.00** per kilogram.
- HFC Levy will increase by \$0.50, increasing the levy rate to **\$1.50** per kilogram.

RMC has collected and destroyed over 4.0 million kilograms of surplus refrigerant waste and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 707,089 tCO₂e. To date, the cost to collect and properly dispose of the surplus refrigerant has been in excess of \$70 million or \$3.5 million per year of operation.

RMC continues to provide the HVACR industry with a solution to easily comply with Halocarbon P2 Plan, regulated by Environment and Climate Change Canada. The P2 Plan requires all importers of halocarbon refrigerants used in the stationary sector to be part of a stewardship program to manage the refrigerants through to end of life.

About Refrigerant Management Canada (RMC):

RMC is a not-for-profit corporation established by the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) and the Canadian refrigeration and air conditioning industry. It is an industry-led environmental care program committed to the responsible disposal of surplus ozone depleting refrigerants from the stationary refrigeration and air conditioning industry. The RMC Board of Directors oversees the Program's operations and includes representatives from the refrigeration and air conditioning industry, equipment owners and environment/community groups. Visit <https://www.hrai.ca/refrigerant-management-canada> for more information.

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