

## **Reclamation of Refrigerant is the Future**

On January 1st 2020, R-22 will no longer be produced or imported and only, <u>Recovered</u> or <u>Recycled</u>, or <u>Reclaimed</u> supplies of R-22 will be available. The production and importation of R-22 is already being phased out. Owners are not required to stop using R-22 or to replace existing equipment. The phase out period allows owners to maintain equipment and provides the time to switch to ozone-friendly refrigerants when maintaining their current system is no longer cost effective. Without the implementation of the reclamation process R-22 supplies will be completely depleted.

U.S. Refrigerant Recovery & Reclaim Program Regulatory Update: The Final HCFC Allocation Rule impacting the amount of virgin R-22 refrigerant that can be produced and imported went into effect January 1, 2015. This is the last set of R-22 annual allowances for the 2015-2019 timeframe before reaching zero in January of 2020. In 2017, the R-22 allowance was 13 million pounds. This is 28% less than the 2016 allowances. In 2019 R-22 allowance will be 4 million pounds.

For more information visit <u>PhaseOutFacts.org</u> use this link for your source for information about the U.S. strategy to phase out the use of ozone depleting refrigerants in central air conditioning and commercial refrigeration equipment, the next generation of refrigerants and the responsible use of the chemicals.

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