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To: South-Town Refrigeration Customers

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Re: R-22 Update

Once again, we are making it a priority to keep our valued customers informed of important changes in the Refrigeration industry. We are sending this letter to inform you that the EPA has further tightened the availability of R-22 and expects close to 30 percent less of new R-22 this year than last. Production and consumption allocations limits have been sent to manufacturers which total about 39 million pounds for 2013 compared with 55 million pounds of new product available in 2012. There will probably be a slight increase in the total amount allocated, however, whatever the final number, it will be well below the numbers established last year.

The result will be that 2013 will be the first year that there will not be enough R-22 to satisfy the industry's service requirements.

With this in mind, we are asking you to consider a few options. One option would be to make sure measures are taken to recover and reclaim R-22 in existing systems. Another option would be to convert your current R-22 systems to alternative refrigerants. Lastly, take steps to ensure that a good leak detection system is in place so that refrigerant leaks can be readily identified and repaired before a large loss of refrigerant happens.

Please refer to South-Town Refrigeration's website for additional updates and information.

Contact South-Town Refrigeration if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or if you wish to discuss the conversion of your existing R-22 systems.

Sincerely,

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