
Webinar – Updates to the Refrigerant Management Program’s Registration and Reporting Tool

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff invites you to participate in a public webinar to discuss updates to the [Refrigerant Management Program’s \(RMP\)](#) Refrigerant Registration and Reporting System, known as R3. The purpose of RMP is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from leaks of stationary refrigeration systems through best maintenance and regular servicing, with R3 being the primary tool for regulated entities to register, report, upload servicing records, and make annual fee payments.

This webinar will discuss recent changes to R3 that will affect regulated entities for the 2021 reporting year, due on March 1, 2022. These changes will include:

- Moving the Facility Compliance Checklist to Optimize Speed
- Option to add multiple leak inspections at a single time
- Improvements to the XML upload process
- New reporting page for companies with retail food facilities (subject to requirements under New 2020 HFC Regulation, currently pending Office of Administrative Law approval)

The workshop will be held via [GoToWebinar](#) **only** at the following date and time:

DATE: Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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Background

In 2006, Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) directed CARB to develop early action measures to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. As one of these early action measures, in December 2009, CARB approved the Regulation for the Management of High Global Warming Potential Refrigerants for Stationary Sources, known as RMP, for managing high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants from stationary sources. Such refrigerants are potent GHGs, which trap many times more atmospheric heat than carbon dioxide, pound-for-pound.

To meet the objectives and RMP requirements, all California facilities using refrigeration systems, refrigerant distributors, wholesalers, and certified reclaimers subject to the Regulation must register with CARB and submit annual reports. Both registration and reporting ensure that requirements are communicated to the regulated community, records are collected and maintained, and fees are collected. Registrants must report refrigerant leaks and corrective actions to CARB within a fixed time limit and must file annual summary reports. Since 2012, these companies have been reporting to CARB using R3 to meet the RMP requirements.

In 2016, to follow-up AB 32, Senate Bill 32 (SB 32) further directed CARB to develop rules to reduce GHG emissions to 40 percent of 1990 levels by 2030. Currently, a major source of high-GWP refrigerants are hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are estimated to be one of the major sources of GHG emissions to be phased out as the State looks to achieve its long-term carbon neutrality goals. Also, in 2016, to help combat HFCs, Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) directed CARB to develop rules to

specifically reduce short lived climate pollutants, requiring HFC reductions of 40 percent below 2013 levels by 2030.

In 2020, CARB adopted the proposed regulation, Prohibitions on Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons in Stationary Refrigeration, Stationary Air-conditioning, and Other End-Uses. The proposed regulation is currently being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law for final approval. Under the new proposed regulation, all retail food facilities in California must submit annual reports detailing their company's reductions of greenhouse gas potential (GHGp) and weighted-average GWP. These new measures will help ensure that the largest users of HFCs reduce their refrigerant usage and use lower GWP refrigerants. Since most of these new requirements apply to companies that already register their refrigeration systems for the RMP regulation, the proposed regulation requires to submit these reporting requirements into R3.

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