





F-gas Reduction Incentive Program (FRIP): Commercial and Industrial Refrigeration Funding Guidelines Addendum 03

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The purpose of this addendum is to make the following revisions, based on public feedback, to the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) F-gas Reduction Incentive Program (FRIP): Commercial and Industrial Refrigeration Funding Guidelines, originally posted on September 5, 2024. Previous addendums to the FRIP Funding Guidelines include Addendum 01, posted on January 13, 2025, and Addendum 02, posted on February 20, 2025. Previously awarded projects may be amended if affected by the changes in Addendum 3.

Addendum 03 covers the following significant changes:

- Reduced minimum GWP for Industrial Process Refrigeration, Cold Storage and Other Refrigeration to 1,300.
- Clarification of Refrigerant Management Program (RMP) registration requirement for application eligibility.
- Clarification on when Technical Grantees can order equipment to remain eligible for receiving grant funds.

Note: Added language relative to the original Funding Guidelines appears in bold underline and deleted language appears in strikethrough and within square brackets.

1) Page 7: To be eligible for FRIP funding, the site of the proposed project must be an existing refrigeration facility that is in California and is owned or operated by the applicant.² In order to be eligible for a FRIP award, the applicant, facility, and existing systems must [The applicant and facility must also] be registered in the Refrigerant Registration and Reporting System (R3) tool, under RMP.

Throughout the grant term, the applicant and facility [and] must comply with

¹ FRIP Funding Guidelines CI Refrigeration

² Where the applicant operates and leases but does not own the refrigeration equipment, prior to executing a grant agreement the applicant must provide a letter from the equipment owner granting consent for the proposed changes to the property and stating that the applicant will be the one administering the proposed technology replacement. Rented equipment is not eligible for FRIP funding.

existing federal and state laws [throughout the grant term], including CARB's RMP and [2020] HFC regulations.

2) Page 8, Table 4: Existing System Eligibility Requirements by Refrigeration Sector

Refrigeration Sector	Minimum GWP for All Existing Systems to be Replaced	Minimum Refrigerant Charge for Sum of Existing Systems to be Replaced
Retail Food Refrigeration	>1,300 GWP ³	N/A
Industrial Process Refrigeration	>[1,800] 1,300 GWP ⁴	500 lb.⁵
Cold Storage and Other Refrigeration	>[1,800] 1,300 GWP ⁴	500 lb.⁵

3) Page 17, Table 9: Facility and Project Eligibility Requirements

Criteria	Eligibility Requirement	
Location and	The site of the proposed project must be in an existing facility	
Ownership	that is in California and is owned or operated by the applicant.	
RMP	The applicant, facility, and existing systems [and facility] must	
RIVIP	be registered in the R3 tool, under CARB's RMP.	
Existing System	The existing system(s) to be removed or replaced must be operational and charged with F-gas refrigerants that meet the GWP minimums listed in Table 4. The existing system(s) must in	
	total meet the refrigerant charge minimums as described in section 2.2.	
New Refrigerant	The proposed project must reduce GHG emissions through an	
and Technology	eligible full or partial replacement as described in section 2.3.	

4) Page 28: The Technical Grantee must order ultra-low-GWP refrigeration equipment that covers the cost of the incentive award and provide documentation of equipment ordered (e.g., purchase order) to NASRC within 180 calendar days of the grant agreement start date. Delivery of the ordered equipment is not required to occur within those 180 calendar days. **Equipment ordered prior to the grant agreement's execution date will not be considered for reimbursement.**

 $^{^{3}}$ Common refrigerants with a GWP >1,300 per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 4^{th} Assessment Report (AR4) include R-22, R-407A, R-404A, R-507A, R-448A, and R-449A.

⁴ Common refrigerants with a GWP >[1,800] **1,300** per IPCC's AR 4 include R-22, R-407A, R-404A, [and] R-507A, R-448A, R-449A, and the entire R-407 series.

⁵ The majority of the charge size of the existing systems to be replaced must be from systems with >50 lb. of refrigerant.