



# **The Alliance**

*for Responsible Atmospheric Policy*

**Remarks from Alliance Chairman John Hurst  
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Good Morning. I'm John Hurst and I am honored to speak today as chairman of the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, the industry coalition organized in 1980 to address stratospheric ozone depletion and now climate change policy. We provide products vital to our health, food safety, comfort and productivity. The Alliance believes the right global policies can drive solutions that are environmentally and economically effective.

Last September, the Alliance pledged to take actions and support policies to phase down global GWP-weighted HFC greenhouse emissions 80% by 2050.

The Alliance continues to advocate for the negotiation of an HFC amendment under the Montreal Protocol as the most effective means of achieving this goal on a global basis. Over the past year, Alliance members have played a central role in India-US HFC Task Force meetings, contributed to bilateral diplomatic efforts with key countries, including China and Saudi Arabia, and participated significantly in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.

We commend the administration for its perseverance in pursuit of an HFC phase-down amendment under the Protocol and appreciate the flexibility demonstrated by our negotiators in considering alternative approaches to achieving an agreement.

The Alliance has played a leading role in coordinating the development of the DOE-funded High-Ambient Temperature Testing Program and organization of the Codes and Standards Task Force.

We are working with stakeholders to organize sector-specific low-GWP technology workshops, the first of which takes place next month.

The Alliance announced the formation of the the Global Refrigerant Management Initiative and the Global Food Cold Chain Council. Both efforts are well underway. The Global Refrigerant Management Initiative is working to reduce HFC service emissions by 30-50%. The Global Food Cold Chain Council has established the foundation for significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the food cold chain and also addressing the much larger climate issue of food waste.

Refrigerant management remains the lowest-hanging fruit in reducing the climate impact of HFCs. We are working with the Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI);

ACCA - The Indoor Environment & Energy Efficiency Association; Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI); and others to develop and implement the first ever Reclaimed HFC Credit Bank. The bank will rely on the HFC reclaim protocol prepared by EOS Climate, and approved by the American Carbon Registry, to provide certified carbon credits for reclaimed HFCs. The program creates a market mechanism to increase the use of reclaimed HFCs and is supportive of our petition to extend Section 608 of the Clean Air Act to HFCs.

These industry actions and commitments must be paired with the right signals from government entities to facilitate development of the right technologies to maximize environmental benefits. The administration can promote the efficient development of new technologies by continuing to improve coordination of DOE efficiency standards and EPA SNAP rulemakings. The Alliance proposes that a CEQ-hosted stakeholder process could help this coordination. The Alliance stands fully prepared to support such meetings.

With the right industry and government collaboration we can effectively address global HFC use. Together we can achieve our common objectives.

Thank you.