



The Alliance

for Responsible Atmospheric Policy

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Alliance Commends Dubai Decision for HFC Coverage under the Montreal Protocol

November 6, 2015, Arlington, VA – The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy today commended the decision by governments to complete an agreement to phasedown hydrofluorocarbon (HFCs) consumption in the coming year. “It is significant that the parties to the Montreal Protocol agreed to deal with greenhouse gas emissions from HFCs under the Protocol in a way that ensures sound technology review and important considerations for developed and developing countries alike,” said Lennox International’s John Hurst, who serves as the Alliance Chairman.

The decision came at the 27th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the highly regarded international treaty that has succeeded in achieving the phase out of ozone depleting substances. It calls upon the parties to complete an amendment in 2016 to manage HFCs, including technology conversion schedules, financing, capacity building for developing countries, and possible exemptions for those in high ambient temperature conditions. The Parties to the Protocol have been considering the issue of HFC usage and emissions for more than 5 years.

“We especially commend the efforts of the U.S. negotiating team, led by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, which has worked tirelessly in pursuit of this decision over the last several years,” added Hurst. “The decision could not have been achieved without their skill, patience, and diplomacy.”

HFCs were introduced in order to achieve a rapid phase out of ozone depleting substances and are used widely in air conditioners, refrigerators, foam insulation, technical aerosols, fire protection systems and other critical uses. The demand for these technologies continues to grow due to expansion of developing country economies and the added health, safety, comfort and productivity benefits these technologies provide.

Alliance member companies, which represent more than 95 percent of US HFC production and a significant majority of the manufacturing and other user industries, have pledged their commitment towards research and development and commercialization of new low-GWP technologies, and are supporting a global agreement to facilitate the orderly transition to such technologies.

“We are technology companies whose products provide comfort, health, food safety and increased productivity. While HFCs have allowed us to phase out of ozone depleting substances, we recognize there is concern if their use were to grow unabated around the globe. We are working rapidly to set the stage for an amendment to the Montreal Protocol which we believe can most effectively promote the availability of low-GWP replacement compounds and technologies,” added Hurst. The Alliance and its

members have worked for the last 18 months with governments and industries around the globe to further develop understanding about the technology challenges and opportunities as well as the issues associated with an effective global agreement.

The Montreal Protocol treaty was first signed on September 16, 1987, and is considered to be one of the most-effective multi-lateral environment treaties ever negotiated. It is the only treaty in the United Nations system to which every country is a signatory. The Protocol's success has been a result of its reliance on sound scientific reviews, ongoing technology assessments and a funding mechanism to assist developing countries. A hallmark of the treaty is the decades-long cooperation among governments, industry and the environment community.

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About the Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy

The Alliance is an industry coalition organized in 1980 to address the issue of stratospheric ozone depletion and the production and use of fluorocarbon compounds. The organization is composed of manufacturers and businesses, including their trade associations that rely on HCFCs and HFCs. According to a recent study, the US fluorocarbon using and producing industries contribute more than \$158 billion annually in goods and services to the US economy, and provide employment to more than 700,000 individuals with an industry-wide payroll of more than \$32 billion. Today, the Alliance coordinates industry participation in the development of reasonable international and government policies at the nexus of ozone protection and climate change.