



The Alliance

for Responsible Atmospheric Policy

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Alliance Highlights Climate Progress on HFCs

Paris, France (December 5, 2015) — The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy (“Alliance”) highlighted the significant progress towards reducing the climate impacts from the emissions of hydrofluorocarbon compounds, known as HFCs. “Significant progress has been made in the effort to manage HFC emissions under the Montreal Protocol treaty,” said Alliance Executive Director Kevin Fay. “Industry in the United States and around the globe has contributed to the policy discussions in a major way, in addition to the enormous commitment to development of low-global warming potential compounds and technologies that will replace the current HFC technologies.”

At a briefing during the two week COP21 climate meeting, Alliance representatives outlined the decision at the recently-concluded Montreal Protocol meeting to “to work to an HFC amendment in 2016” to achieve HFC reductions globally. The Alliance also outlined progress on two key private sector efforts launched under the banner of the UN Climate and Clean Air Coalition around the food cold chain and global refrigerant management. The four components of the CCAC HFC initiative include building support for the Montreal Protocol HFC amendment, development of procurement policies and procedures by governments to acquire low-GWP technologies where available, and the launch of two private sector efforts that include the Global Food Cold Chain Council (GFCCC) and the Global Refrigerant Management Initiative (GRMI).

Alliance members have worked determinedly over the last two years in dialogue with industry and government officials in key countries such as China, India, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, on the policy issues associated with the HFC amendment to the Montreal Protocol. “Improved understanding has contributed greatly to the negotiations around the HFC amendment,” said Fay. “Plus the private sector has followed with investments in technology research and development, and programs that encourage appropriate management and transition from current HFC compounds and technologies.”

The Global Food Cold Chain Council has launched an effort to focus the global industry on the transition away from technology utilizing higher GWP substances, development of more energy efficient refrigeration in the cold chain, and expansion of the cold chain in order to reduce food loss and waste. Lower GWP substances and energy efficiency are only the tip of the iceberg in terms of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, studies are now showing the enormous environmental and human health benefits of expanding and efficient, sustainable cold chain.

The Global Refrigerant Management Initiative is a first of its kind effort to organize the global industry to reduce the emissions of refrigerant compounds due to leaks, service losses, and equipment disposal. GRMI is composed of industry associations representing more than 95% of the HVACR manufacturing industry around the globe. It is working to identify a common platform for education, training and certification of the global service industry, complementary policies that could be adopted by nations. GRMI seeks to work with CCAC partners to achieve a 30-50% reduction in service emissions by 2030.

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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. It is the leading voice of manufacturers, businesses and trade associations who make or use fluorinated gases for the global market. Today, Alliance member companies are leading the development of safe, efficient, next-generation, climate- and ozone-friendly technologies and applications. 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. The Alliance represents companies across several sectors engaged in the development of economically and environmentally beneficial international and domestic policies regarding fluorinated gases.

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