

YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

Title: Freon Recovery - Certification of Technicians and Recovery Equipment	Type: A. Administrative Sub Type: 7. Maintenance and Physical Plant Number: A.7.2
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References: Section 608 of the Clean Air Act, 1990, as amended (CAA), including final regulations published on May 14, 1993 (58 FR 28660), August 19, 1994 (59 FR 42950), November 9, 1994 (59 FR 55912), July 24, 2003 (68 FR 43786), and November 18, 2016 (81 FR 82272) the prohibition on venting that became effective on July 1, 1992, and 40 CFR 82 Subpart F.	
STATUS: Approved	
Approved By: <i>William A. Sommers, Deputy Secretary</i>	Date of Approval: 03/03/2021

I. AUTHORITY:

Deputy Secretary of Youth Services (YS) as contained in La. R.S. 36:405. Deviation from this policy must be approved by the Deputy Secretary.

II. PURPOSE:

To ensure compliance with the refrigerant recycling requirements of Section 608 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The purpose of Section 608 is to prohibit individuals from intentionally venting ODS refrigerants (including CFCs and HCFCs) and their substitutes (such as HFCs), while maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of air-conditioning or refrigeration equipment. As of January 1, 2020, the EPA has placed a ban on production and import of HCFC-22 and HCFC-142B, achieving 99.5% of reduction goals.

III. APPLICABILITY:

Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Undersecretary, Chief of Operations, Regional Directors, Facility Directors and Regional Managers.

Unit Heads are responsible for ensuring that all necessary procedures are in place to comply with this policy.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Equipment - Household air conditioners and refrigerators, other refrigerated appliances (dehumidifiers, vending machines, ice makers, water coolers), commercial air conditioners and chillers, commercial refrigeration, industrial process refrigeration, refrigerated transport, air conditioning in vehicles.

Unit Head – For purposes of this policy, the Deputy Secretary, Facility Directors and Regional Managers.

V. POLICY:

It is the Deputy Secretary's policy to comply with the "Refrigerant Recycling and Technician Certification", as required by Section 608 of the CAA.

VI. PROCEDURES:

- A. All units shall utilize service practices that maximize recycling of ozone-depleting compounds during the servicing and disposal of air conditioning and refrigeration equipment.
- B. Any person engaged in servicing or disposing of air-conditioning or refrigeration equipment shall be provided appropriate and adequate training that includes service practices that reduce refrigerant emissions.
- C. Any person servicing air conditioning and refrigeration equipment must be certified through an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved testing organization.
- D. When an outside vendor is utilized to service or dispose of air conditioning or refrigeration equipment, the Unit Head shall ensure that the vendor meets all EPA regulations to provide this service.

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Attachments/References: