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NOTICE TO ALL R22 REFRIGERANT PURCHASERS

You are most likely aware that as an ozone-depleting refrigerant, R22 is being phased out of use in compliance with the Montreal Protocol. Production was scheduled to be gradually reduced until 2020, after which new R22 would no longer be made.

Last week, the EPA announced its intention to speed up the reduction of R22 by limiting production to a level of approximately 45% of that in 2011. The consequence to Sid Harvey's, as a distributor of R22, and to you, as a dealer or user of R22, is an abrupt reduction in the availability of this product.

Our manufacturers have raised prices and are holding up shipments until some of the dust from the recent EPA announcement settles. **Unfortunately, at this time, Sid Harvey's has no choice but to severely limit the number of pounds of R22 that can be sold to a given customer until we know how much we will be permitted to purchase.** We too must wait and see if the EPA reduction in permitted production remains at approximately 45% of 2011 and how manufacturers will react with regard to availability.

We are very aware of how much of an inconvenience this is to you and your company, particularly as the warmer weather approaches. Please bear with us during this confusing time. We will use all of our talent and resources to assist you during this period of change.

Be aware there are very safe and easy alternatives to R22. Today, for example, MO99, manufactured by DuPont, is a direct replacement for R22 in HVAC applications. Until now MO99 was more expensive than R22 and R22 was readily available, so using MO99 did not make sense. Today, the trade price of MO99 is lower than R22 and we are told by DuPont that availability should not be an issue.

DuPont has a great website for the Isceon Gases – www.isceon.com.

Please contact your Sid Harvey branch or sales representative for more information on R22 availability and on good, reliable replacement refrigerants for R22.