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New California Regulation Requires a Contractors State Licensing Board ID Upon Recycling Mercury Thermostats

Alexandria, Va. (June 18, 2013)— The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has placed additional requirements on C-20 HVAC and C-21 Demolition contractors and business collecting waste mercury thermostats through manufacturer sponsored program(s). Beginning July 1, 2013, these contractors or their employees, upon delivering a waste mercury thermostat to a collection location, must provide the location with their contractors State Licensing Board Identification Number (CSLB).

Alternatively, contractors or their employees may deliver their waste mercury thermostats in a plastic bag or other container and print the CSLB number on the bag or on a label attached to the bag or container. This regulation also requires manufacturers or their collection program to report these numbers on an annual basis to the agency.

TRC is working with its collection partners in California to facilitate compliance with this new regulation and encourages contractors to contact their local HVAC wholesale distributor to confirm their participation in TRC's program. All HVAC wholesale distributors in California are required by law to act as collection points for waste mercury thermostats. Distributors who don't are prohibited from selling any thermostat and may also be subject to significant civil penalties.

About Thermostat Recycling Corporation

The Thermostat Recycling Corporation, founded in 1998, is an industry-funded non-profit corporation supported by 31 manufacturers who historically branded and sold mercury thermostats in the United States. TRC maintains a network of more than 3,600 collection sites nationwide and has recovered more than 1.4 million thermostats since its inception. TRC assumes all costs to transport and properly dispose of mercury switch thermostats recovered from service. Learn more about TRC by finding us on [Facebook](#), or following us on [Twitter](#).

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