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HARDI and TRC work together to increase recovery of mercury thermostats

HARDI and TRC formalize agreement to promote collection and recycling of mercury thermostats

December 1, 2010 – The Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) and Heating, Airconditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) have reached an agreement to promote TRC’s national mercury thermostat collection program.

While HARDI has worked with TRC to grow the number of thermostat recovery locations in HVACR wholesale distributors for years, this agreement formalizes the partnership and puts into place mechanisms for growing HARDI member participation even more. TRC will provide HARDI members regular mercury thermostat-related policy and regulatory updates as well as expanded collateral and marketing materials to help promote HARDI members’ commitment to responsible mercury management. HARDI has committed to getting every thermostat-selling distributor member into a mercury thermostat recovery program.

TRC is a simple program that allows HVAC contractors to properly dispose of waste mercury thermostats at no cost. TRC relies on HVAC wholesale distributors to act as the primary collection points for mercury thermostats taken out of service. Beyond a one-time participation fee of \$25.00, there are no recurring costs for distributors to participate.

“TRC is thrilled to formalize it’s partnership with HARDI,” said TRC Executive Director Mark Tibbetts. “The active support of HVACR wholesale distributors is critical to the success of TRC,” continued Tibbetts.

About TRC

TRC is a not-for-profit corporation supported by 28 manufacturers who historically branded and sold mercury thermostats in the U.S. TRC assumes all costs to transport and properly dispose of mercury-switch thermostats removed from service. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) wholesalers, HVAC contractors, and municipal household hazardous waste collection programs can participate in the TRC program as a collection point for a nominal one-time fee. Nationally, TRC has over 3,000 collection locations in 48 states and since its inception has recycled over 1,000,000 mercury thermostats.

About HARDI

The Heating, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) represents more than 400 wholesale companies, more than 300 manufacturing associates and nearly 140 manufacturer representatives. HARDI members represent an estimated 85 percent of the dollar value of the HVACR products sold through distribution.

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