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TRC Unveils 2012 ‘Big Man On Planet’
Johnson Supply Takes Top Award for Mercury Thermostat Collection Efforts

ARLINGTON, VA -- Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) today announced that Johnson Supply of Houston, Texas has been named the 2012 ‘Big Man On Planet’ (BMOP), an annual award given by TRC in partnership with Heating Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) to honor the HARDI member that has done the best job promoting the TRC mercury thermostat collection program. The BMOP award was presented to Johnson Supply today at HARDI’s annual conference in Grande Lakes, Florida.

“The BMOP Award is a great opportunity for HARDI members to be recognized for their work to protect the environment, and Johnson Supply has done an outstanding job of that,” said Mark Tibbetts, TRC executive director. “Johnson Supply has been a strong leader in the ongoing campaign to collect mercury thermostats, and as a highly respected member of the HVAC industry, its efforts to champion the TRC program have contributed significantly to the program’s growth and success.”

“Johnson Supply is honored to receive this prestigious award,” said Richard Cook, President and COO of Johnson Supply. “We strongly support the TRC mission of mercury thermostat collection in order to protect the environment and keep as much mercury out of the waste stream as possible. We are committed to doing our part in that effort, and to encouraging others in our industry to participate in this worthy program.”

The BMOP award competition was announced in June, and ran from June 15 until September 15. Johnson Supply was selected from a group of 13 HARDI members participating in the competition, which have established a combined total of 233 mercury thermostat collection sites across the country. Johnson Supply maintains 23 collection sites at its branches in Texas and Louisiana and shipped TRC over 1200 waste mercury thermostats during the competition.

“All of the HARDI members who competed for the BMOP award should be proud of their contributions to the TRC program,” said Tibbetts. “The TRC program is growing every year, and we couldn’t do it without the active and enthusiastic participation of HVAC wholesale distributors, who are essentially the ambassadors of the program. TRC applauds the hard work of every company that has gone the extra mile to keep mercury thermostats out of our landfills, and we encourage them to keep up the good work.”

Distributors who are currently collecting thermostats and interested in being considered for the 2013 BMOP award can sign up at www.thermostat-recycle.org/bmop. For those not participating in the collection program and are interested in doing so, more information is available at www.thermostat-recycle.org or by calling 1-888-266-0550.

TRC is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1998 by thermostat manufacturers to collect and properly dispose of mercury containing thermostats removed from service. TRC currently has over 3,600 collection sites nationwide and has kept nearly 7 tons of mercury out of solid waste.