



Supermarket Utility Incentives

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GreenChill is a voluntary EPA partnership that works with food retailers and associated stakeholders to reduce refrigerant emissions and decrease stores' impact on the ozone layer and climate system

GreenChill works to help food retailers:

- Reduce leak rates
- Lower charge sizes
- Transition to environmentally friendlier refrigerants
- Adopt green refrigeration technologies and best environmental practices

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meeting highest standards: low charge size, use of less harmful refrigerants, and low leak rates

2020 Ozone Layer Protection Milestones

GREENCHILL TO MACED REFRIGERATION PARTITIES

In March 2020, EPA published a new site to highlight achievements made possible because of the Clean Air Act Title VI - Stratospheric Ozone Protection

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Ozone Layer Protection Milestones of the Clean Air Act



Throughout 2020 we will be highlighting the many achievements made possible because of the <u>Clean Air Act Title VI-</u> <u>Stratospheric Ozone</u> <u>Protection</u>.

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From Discovery to Recovery: Follow our highlights for in-depth information on how we protect the stratospheric ozone layer.

Overview

2020 is a milestone year for <u>coone layer protection</u> in the United States. In the thirty years since Congress amended the Clean Air Act (CAA) to add Title VI: Stratospheric Ozone Protection, EPA has worked with many partners to develop and implement flexible, innovative, and effective approaches to <u>phase out ozone-depleting substances (ODS)</u> and heal the ozone layer. By restoring the ozone layer, we reduce the risks of skin cancer and cataracts.

Ozone-depleting substances have been used in many household, industrial, and military applications. In response to significant concern for our ozone layer, through the <u>Montreal</u> <u>Protocol</u> and CAA Title VI, the United States has been substituting ODS with <u>asfer</u> <u>alternatives</u>. At the same time, global demand for refrigeration and cooling technologies continues to expand. Most transitions to safer alternatives have been seamless for consumers who use these products in their daily lives.

Today, we see signs that the <u>ozone layer</u> is healing. For Americans, full implementation of the Montreal Protocol is expected to <u>result in the prevention of</u> no less than 280 million cases of skin cancer and at least 45 million cases of cataracts in the United States alone. This remarkable success is due to the important and cooperative achievements that continue to be made by people, programs, and organizations working together to protect the Earth's ozone layer.

www.epa.gov/ozone-layer-protection-milestones-clean-air-act

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Today's speakers...



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Danielle has over 12 years of experience in sustainability and energy efficiency, with a focus in refrigeration. She currently serves as the executive director of the NASRC. Prior to her current role, she managed a large-scale energy efficiency program assisting supermarkets to optimize performance and reduce overall energy consumption.





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Kathleen is the Senior Climate Program Manager in Energy Strategy, Research & Development at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. Her work is currently focused on climate readiness, natural refrigerants and land-based carbon initiatives. She co-chaired the Community Health & Resiliency Technical Advisory Committee to the Sacramento and West Sacramento Mayors Climate Commission and is the immediate past chair of the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative. She was named a Living Future "Hero" by the International Living Future Institute in 2019 and is a UC Certified California Naturalist.





Megan Rodriguez

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Megan is the Senior Manager of Refrigeration for Grocery Outlet. Her primary responsibilities include managing new construction and refrigeration remodel projects, and energy solutions to reduce operating costs. She also oversees store compliance for both U.S. EPA and State refrigerant regulations.





Edward R. Estberg

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Edward has been a Refrigeration Consultant for Raley's since 2009. Before that, he was the company's Senior Director of Facilities for 20 years. Prior to his roles at Raley's, Estberg was President of Refrigeration Design Contractors from 1974 to 1989, and from 1965 to 1974, he was Installation and Service Manager of Hussmann's Sacramento branch.









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Glossary

- AIP: Aggregated Incentives Program
- BTUH: British Thermal Units per Hour
- CARB: California Air Resources
 Board
- CO₂: Carbon dioxide
- GHGs: Greenhouse Gases
- GWP: Global Warming Potential
- HFCs: Hydrofluorocarbons
- HFOs: Hydrofluoroolefins
- kW: Kilowatt
- kWh: Kilowatt hour
- MtCO₂e: Metric tons of carbon

dioxide equivalent

- NASRC: North American Sustainable Refrigeration Council
- NRDC: Natural Resource Defense Council
- ▶ NH₃: Ammonia
- ODS: Ozone depleting substance
- SMUD: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- SNAP: Significant New Alternatives
 Program
- US EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency



Agenda

- Background
 - Danielle Wright, NASRC (10 min)
- Overview of SMUD Natural Refrigerant Incentive Program Kathleen Ave, SMUD (10 min)
- Grocery Outlet Transcritical CO₂ Project
 Megan Rodriguez, Grocery Outlet (10 min)
- Raley's Ammonia/CO₂ Project
 Edward R. Estberg, Raley's (10 min)



North American Sustainable Refrigeration Council (NASRC)

501c3 Non-Profit Organization

130 Members

24,000+

Supermarket locations

Mission

Remove barriers to adoption of natural refrigerants to create more sustainable future for refrigeration

Goals

- Achieve cost parity
- Drive data transparency
- Ensure service readiness





Other NASRC Members



Refrigerant Regulations



The US Climate Alliance



US Climate Alliance HFC Regulations

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HFC Commitments	SNAP Rules 20 & 21	Section 608 Ref. Mgmt.	Additional GWP Limits	Effective Date	Incentive Program
California	~	\checkmark	 	Jan 1, 2022	 Image: A second s
Colorado	~			Jan 1, 2021	
Connecticut	 Image: A second s			ТВА	
Delaware	>			Jan 1, 2021	\checkmark
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Maine	 Image: A second s			Jan 1, 2021	
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Massachusetts	~			ТВА	
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Rhode Island	>			Jan 1, 2021	
Vermont	~			Jan 1, 2021	
Washington	>			Jan 1, 2020	\checkmark

*Last Updated April 2, 2020

CARB HFC Reduction Measures

New Construction

GWP <150 Jan 1, 2022

- New equipment in new facilities /major remodels
- Stationary refrigeration >50 lbs.

Existing Facilities Two Compliance Pathways:

Reduce GHG Potential by 55% by 2030

or

Weighted GWP <1400 by 2030

- Per-company target, not per-store
- Flexibility to plan over 8-10 years
- Prepares sector for future HFC phase-down / sales ban



Refrigerant Global Warming Potential



<150 GWP New System Options

	GWP	US Installs	Applications	Advantages	Challenges
Ammonia R-717	0	5	 Industrial sector Remote systems 	 Energy efficient Low-charge Long history, well-known safety features 	 High initial costs Public perception toxic if not handled properly
Carbon Dioxide R-744	1	550+	 Remote systems Transcritical or Cascade 	 Potential for efficiency gains Non-toxic, non- flammable 	 High pressures Initial costs North/South divide
Hydro carbons R-290	3	500,000 +	 Self- contained cases 	 Energy efficient Low-charge Flexibility 	 Charge limit of 150 grams Flammable if used improperly



Driving the Lowest GHG Emissions



NASRC Aggregated Incentives Program

Free platform to coordinate and maximize funding for natural refrigerant projects

- Benefits
 - Streamlined funding process, one-stopshop application
 - Drive additional benefits (efficiency, water savings, etc.)
 - No-cost for pilot phase

Timeline

- Phase I: California Pilot, Summer 2020
- Phase II: National Program, Quarter 2 2021
- More information:
 - <u>nasrc.org/aggregated-incentives-program</u>



About SMUD



- 626,000 meters
- 1.5 million population
- \$1.5 billion in revenues
- 900 mi² (2,304 km²⁾ service territory
- 2nd largest muni in California, 6th largest in the U.S.
- 3,299 MW peak load (2006)
- 2,219 employees

- Independent, elected Board of Directors
- Not-for-Profit Utility



Introducing the SMUD Pilot Natural Refrigerant Incentive Program

- Builds on SMUD's existing Custom Incentive and Savings By Design programs
 - Maintains incentive for energy (kWh) and demand (kW)
- Additional incentive for direct GHG emission reductions from new or retrofitted low-GWP systems
 - SMUD pays for energy performance metering and data collection to understand performance of low-GWP systems



High-GWP refrigerants are projected to result in annual GHG emissions of over 1 million $MtCO_2e$ in Sacramento alone by 2050

Program created with technical assistance from





SMUD Program Objectives

- Spur market transformation to support SMUD's Environmental Leadership Directive (SD-7)
- Establish a cost-effective pathway for Natural Refrigerants
- Create a model incentive for others to reference
- Build a network of manufacturers, engineers, technicians, and customers
- Position SMUD to leverage potential state funding on our customer's behalf
- Support transition to a carbon metric for program evaluation

"SMUD will provide leadership in the reduction of the region's total emissions of greenhouse gases through proactive programs in all SMUD activities and development and support of national, State, and regional climate change policies and initiatives." SMUD Strategic Directive 7



Customer Benefits

- End the expensive cycle of refrigeration system upgrades and retrofits due to refrigerant phase outs and replacements with a permanent long term solution
- Assist with the initial cost of new equipment installation
- Support emerging technologies that enable customers to improve energy efficiency and reduce direct GHG reductions
- Lower customer energy bills and refrigerant costs
- Eliminate liability associated with leak inspections, fines, and enforcements
- **Provide Access** to network of equipment manufacturers, engineers, technicians, and successful project implementations



Incentive Eligibility and Structure

Program Parameters	Existing Program Requirements	Refrigerant Incentive Requirements
Retrofit	Meet the existing requirements of the Custom Incentive Program	System uses natural refrigerant (CO_2 , ammonia, hydrocarbon)
New system	Meet the existing requirements of the Savings By Design Program	System uses natural refrigerant (CO ₂ , ammonia, hydrocarbon)
Required system monitoring	None	Three years, SMUD pays installation/integration
Permanent Change	Permanent physical system change required so operation doesn't revert to the baseline technology	Physical system component or change must be made that prevents reverting to high-GWP refrigerant



Incentive Eligibility and Structure

Custom Program Incentive	Direct GHG Emissions Reductions Incentive		
Incentives are based on decreasing your energy use: • \$0.10/kWh Energy Reduction	Incentives are based on decreasing direct emissions from refrigerants over the system lifetime:		
 Incentive and \$200/kW Demand Reduction 	 \$25/MtCO₂e emissions reduction from refrigerants 		
 Total incentive limited to 30% of 	 Total incentive limited to 30% of project cost or \$150,000, whichever is less 		
project cost or \$150,000, whichever is less	All projects located in disadvantaged communities (with preference for those in the top 10%) and implemented by small-to-medium sized business owners will receive a 25% incentive bonus		

Combined incentive limited to 50% of project cost or \$250,000, whichever is less



Developing an Appropriate Direct Incentive Rate Level

Direct incentive rate was evaluated in two ways, both supported a valuation of approximately \$25/MtCO₂e

- 1. Based on SMUD current energy incentives (Custom Incentive and Saving By Design)
 - \$0.10/kWh converted to \$/MtCO₂e using marginal emission factor for 15 year life
- 2. Based on California GHG Allowance Price Floor
 - Average of price floor for 15 years based on annual escalation of 5% plus inflation



Current Status

- Pilot program announced March 30, 2017 at North American Sustainable Refrigeration Council workshop at SMUD headquarters
- Announcement by California Air Resources Board May 11, 2017
- MANY calls from around the State from interested parties (stores, food processors)
 - There is clear demand for similar programs in from other utilities
- Two active projects utilizing the incentive



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Grocery Outlet

- Publicly owned company
 - 352 stores, independently owned and operated, in 6 States.
- Project drivers



- CARB regulation: <150 GWP starting in 2022
- Gather data and see how the system worked for future new stores.
- Also installing a micro-distributed R290 system later this year in a new Southern CA site.
- Aggressive growth plan and commitment to comply with all state & federal requirements in future new stores



System selected: CO₂ Transcritical with Adiabatic Condenser



Incentive Overview

- SMUD Program
 - Incentive played a huge role.



- Presented additional cost of system to our chief financial officer and showed how incentives would offset the increase.
- Locked-in budget a year before formal capital expenditure request.

Funding Source	Amount
SMUD Natural Refrigerant Incentive Program (GHG savings)	\$78,728
SMUD Savings by Design (Energy savings)	\$13,294
American Public Power Association's Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments Grant (SMUD & NASRC)	\$125,000
Grand Total	\$217, 022

100% of incremental system cost covered (based on initial guote)

Project Status

- Opening date
 - January 15, 2020
- Benefits



- Too new to see any benefits yet, other than benefit of reducing greenhouse gases.
- Challenges
 - Installation and start up went well.
 - Maintenance challenging lately for Independent Operator, more calls than traditional system. Mainly, oil failure issues and lost frozen product from his coffin cases.



Future Projects



- Role of Incentives in Meeting CARB Regulations
 - New construction Very important with rising construction costs overall. Incentives allow us to be more aggressive on our approach before new rule officially in place.
 - Existing stores Also, very important because we track return on investment to any remodels minus end of life replacements.

Choosing CO₂ Again

 I believe we would choose this system again at this point. Only 4 months in, but Independent Operator has good feedback and installer has been working diligent to respond to existing system errors. Also, manufacturer is improving system as technology allows.





Raley's #415 Project Overview

- Raley's is privately owned Northern California Grocer
 - 130 stores in Northern Cal and Northern Nevada
 - Wanted to be ahead of January 2022 regulations that require <150 GWP refrigerants
 - Choices were NH₃/CO₂, Trans-critical CO₂ or Micro Distributed
- Replacement store
 - 55,164 square feet (footprint)
 - 1,897,000 BTUH refrigeration system load
 - Flagship store



Raley's Sustainable Refrigeration System (SRS) (NH₃ with liquid pumped CO₂)

- Most similar to existing system
- Estimated lower utility usage, elect, gas, water
- Maintenance issues
- Incentive summary
 - Expected total incentive = \$250,000
 - \$150K for <150 GWP refrigerant
 - \$100K for energy measures.
 - Estimate \$250,000 will only cover half added costs



Sustainable Refrigeration System Features

- Provides cooling for every load, air conditioner to ice machine
- Uses waste heat for space heating and domestic hot water
- Uses Dual Medium Condensing System, combination air water that saves on average 5000 gallons of water daily
- 140 pounds total NH₃ charge (27.2 gallons)
- ▶ 650 pounds CO₂ low temperature charge
- 2600 pounds CO₂ medium temperature charge



SRS System Description

- 4 Carlyle 5H-81 high stage compressors
- 2 Carlyle 5H-61 low stage compressors
- Medium temperature liquid overfeed rack
- Low temperature liquid overfeed rack
- ROSCH Rack (plate heat exchanger condenser, receiver, oil and desuperheater)
- Pump station for condenser water
- Open tower
- Air fluid cooler for condenser water circuit
- Air fluid cooler for de-super heater water circuit



Future Projects

- Second store in planning stages and should start construction in spring or fall 2021
- Incentives are essential for the first 5 or 6 installations. It takes that many stores to work out the technical issues and to drive down costs.
- Cost should come down with multiple installations
- At best we figure a 15% premium for <150 GWP Systems









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