

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, Refrigerants, Naturally! calls on the international community to respond to climate change and start phasing out HFCs

The 25th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol is an occasion to acknowledge the unprecedented collective effort of the international community to safeguard our Earth's protective ozone layer.

The partner companies of Refrigerants, Naturally! commend the Parties to the Montreal Protocol for leading the global effort to reduce and phase out ozone-depleting substances, many of which are also powerful greenhouse gases. The partner companies willingly participated in the international effort, transitioning to new technologies that protect the ozone layer.

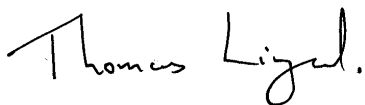
The Montreal Protocol can continue its legacy of leadership. One major opportunity is to reduce and eventually phase out the use of HFCs which are significant contributors to global climate change. The Montreal Protocol, in cooperation with the UNFCCC, is well-positioned to spearhead this challenge.

The partner companies of Refrigerants, Naturally! are already far along in reducing and phasing-out the use of HFCs in their point-of-sale equipment, replacing them with environmentally-safe, commercially-viable, long-term solutions provided by natural refrigerants. To date we have collectively phased out more than 1 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions equivalent based on the avoided HFC refrigerant emissions. As of today, Ozone Day 2012, our companies have collectively placed more than 2.5 million HFC-free refrigeration units in almost all countries around the world.

Acting on the principle that "solutions for the present must not harm the future," Refrigerants, Naturally! is looking forward to cooperating with the Montreal Protocol Parties and all interested partners, and to sharing its positive experiences with such solutions.

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, Refrigerants, Naturally! calls on the international community to muster all its resolve and ingenuity to respond to the pressing challenge of climate change, just as it responded twenty-five years ago to protect our ozone layer.

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