

## The EPA has once again reduced the supply of R-22

On Monday 1-7-2013 the EPA revised and extended the (No Action Assurance) letter that was issued on 1-20-2012.

The 2012 notification reduced the production and import cap on HCFC R22 by 45%, leaving an available balance of 55.3 million lbs.

The 2013 revision, went beyond the scheduled 10% reduction, and reduced the supply again by 29%. That now leaves the production and import cap at 39.4 million pounds.

As a result, all the major manufactures have announced significant price increases, and are currently limiting shipments.

Although R22 production is schedule to continue thru 12-31-2019, it is likely that this action will have a dramatic effect on the price and availability of R22. RSD is committed to work with our customers in managing the remaining R22 supply.

We also expect this to trigger a movement toward the existing R22 retrofit options. RSD is uniquely qualified to provide you the technical support needed to evaluate these new products and find the best possible solution for your customer.

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