



Changing State of Refrigerants – Digest 2026-2

EPA AIM Act (Emission Reduction & Reclamation) Amendment

On 1-1-2026 This Amendment to the AIM act (drafted in 2023) went into effect. The primary goal is to reduce HFC emission from HVACR & MAC equipment and maximize the use of reclaimed refrigerant in these applications

Key Provisions:

- Applies to systems with a refrigerant > 53 GWP and a charge $\geq$ 15lbs.
- New Allowable Leak threshold will vary by application:
 - Comfort Cooling $\geq$ 10%
 - Refrigeration $\geq$ 20%
 - Industrial Process $\geq$ 30%
- Leak Repair timeline: 30 days to repair or initiate system retirement plan.
- Automatic Leak Detection is required for systems with a refrigerant charge $\geq$ 1500-lbs.
 - New systems are to be compliant within 30-days of install.
 - Existing systems must be compliant by 1-1-2027.
- Servicing of select systems with Reclaimed Refrigerant is required by 1-1-2029 (Supermarkets, Refrigerated Transport and Ice Makers).
- Certified Reclaimed Refrigerant cannot contain more than 15% virgin material.
- Record Keeping is required by Contractors and end users for 3-years.
- For more information go to: <https://www.rsd.net/refrigerant-suite/?tab=regulation>
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