Standard Operating Procedure

All technicians, including UT employees and outside contractors, will abide by the rules attached to conform to EPA regulations.

Purpose

To comply with EPA regulations on the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990, Section 608.

Procedure

All technicians will read and comply with the summary of final rules. All contractors will be supplied with a copy upon request and are expected to comply fully with said rules.

1. "Effective July 1, 1992, it shall be unlawful for any person, in the course of maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of an appliance or industrial process refrigeration, to knowingly vent or otherwise knowingly release or dispose of any class I or class II substance used as a refrigerant in such appliance (or industrial process refrigeration) in a manner which permits such substance to enter the environment. De minimis releases associated with good faith attempts to recapture and recycle or safely dispose of any such substance shall not be subject to the prohibition set forth in the preceding sentence."

2. "Effective five (5) years after the enactment of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, paragraph (1) shall also apply to the venting, release, or disposal of any substitute substance for a class I or class II substance by any person maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of an appliance or industrial process refrigeration which contains and uses as a refrigerant any such substance, unless the Administrator determines that venting, releasing, or disposing of such substance does not pose a threat to the environment. For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘appliance’ includes any device which contains and uses a refrigerant a substitute substance and which is used for household or commercial purposes, including any air conditioner, refrigerator, chiller, or freezer."