Are You Ready for the Upcoming Efficiency Regulations and Refrigerant Changes in Commercial HVAC?

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• Responsible for understanding industry trends across the commercial air conditioning market segments and translating these into marketing activities and new products
Agenda

1. Commercial heating and air conditioning trends
2. Current state of commercial HVAC industry
3. Efficiency regulations and activities
4. Future refrigerants landscape → what it means for you
5. Summary and key takeaways
Polling Question

What percentage of your job is spent helping your clients understand or make HVAC decisions?

1. 0–30%
2. 30–60%
3. 60–100%
Megatrends Driving Commercial Air Conditioning

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Industry Trends Driving Toward Solutions to Deliver the Most Efficient Buildings

- Enable green buildings (LEED, net zero)
- Whole-building efficiency targets
- Ventilation and air quality
- Commissioning and monitoring for buildings
- Coordination of building subsystems
The Road to Zero: DOE’s Next-Generation Heating and Cooling R&D Strategy

- Action to phase down HFCs can avoid up to 0.5 °C of warming by 2100
- HVACR uses 50% of all energy in U.S. commercial and residential buildings

Source: U.S. Department of Energy
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43% of Respondents Said That Frequent Changes to HVAC Codes and Standards Is a Challenge

Q: What are critical challenges or issues affecting the future of HVAC systems? (n=233)

Q: What are critical challenges or issues affecting the future of building automation systems? (n=233)

Source: Consulting Specifying Engineer 2015 HVAC and building automation systems study
Energy Efficiency and Interoperability Changes Are Impacting Engineers

Q: What are the biggest changes in HVAC systems that you’ve observed during the past 12 to 18 months? (n=230)
Q: What are the biggest changes in building automation systems that you’ve observed during the past 12 to 18 months? (n=227)

Source: Consulting Specifying Engineer 2015 HVAC and building automation systems study
Polling Question

What region of the country are your primary operations?

1. Northcentral
2. Southeast
3. Northeast
4. Southcentral
5. Southwest
6. Northwest
Status of State Energy Code Adoption for Commercial Buildings (as of July 2016)

Source: https://www.energycodes.gov/status-state-energy-code-adoption
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How aware are you of government regulations to reduce/mitigate energy consumption and adopt more environmentally responsible refrigerants in the United States?

1. Fully aware
2. Somewhat aware
3. Not aware
Consulting Specifying Engineer Survey
Feedback/Inputs

Learnings:

• 86% of CSEs agree that "tracking and understanding government, utility and/or trade association HVAC regulations" is important to their business.
  – However, only 20% of CSEs are both aware of the DOE regulations AND understand how the regulations impact their business.

• 22% of CSEs report that they have interactions with customers in which HVAC regulations are discussed.

• 55% of CSEs say in general, their clients are NOT aware of HVAC energy efficiency standards and that they need to educate them on these standards.

To find more on HVAC regulations, visit: AC & Heating Connect™
DOE Efficiency Standards for Commercial AC Packaged/Split Systems

Note: ASHRAE 90.1 also has an EER component not shown here

On 1/1/2018, the DOE will adopt the 90.1-2013 IEER levels nationally.
## CEE Commercial Unitary Specification — Demanding Efficiency Levels Driven by Utility Advocates

### CEE Commercial Unitary AC and HP Specification (With Electric Heat or No Heat)

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Note: Electric resistance values shown, subtract 0.2 EER/IEER for all other equipment

Note: Effective January 2016
Technology Solutions to Optimize System Part Load Efficiency — IEER

**Technology Levers**

- Multi-speed blower fans
- Multi-speed condenser fans
- Compression
- Larger coil heat exchangers
- Controls

Higher IEER
# DOE Efficiency Standards for Residential AC and HP Packaged/Split Systems Effective January 1, 2023

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- *Southeast includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.
- **Southwest includes Arizona, California, Nevada and New Mexico.
- ***The 10.2 EER amended energy conservation standard applies to split-system air conditioners with a seasonal energy efficiency ratio greater than or equal to 16.
- Note: The energy conservation standards for small-duct, high-velocity and space-constrained remain unchanged from current levels.
How Could Regulations Impact You?

• Higher part load efficiency (IEER) systems
  – Potentially higher first cost
  – Lower operating cost

• Potential increase in system footprint
  – Larger heat exchanger surface area

• Reduction in system refrigerant circuits

• More applications with modulated scroll compressors
  – Mechanical modulation and variable speed technology

• VFDs on evaporator blower motors — staged speeds
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Current Low-GWP Candidates for Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Applications

Common questions:

• What is a low-GWP refrigerant? Why is the industry moving in this direction? What does this mean for me?
Key Activities Impacting Low-GWP Refrigerant Regulations and Timing for HVAC

• Global HFC phase-down framework underway — Montreal Protocol Amendment

• EPA proposed ruling for status change (delist) in chillers
  – R-134a, R-410A and R-407C

• Key safety standards under revision for A2L fluids
  – U.S.: UL1995 and ASHRAE15
  – International: ISO-5149, IEC 60335, EN-378

• AHRI A2L “real world” flammability study underway

• Equipment manufacturers launching new systems with A2L
  – Region- and application-dependent
Our Understanding of Regulation Timing for Low-GWP Refrigerants in AC Applications

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**RTUs**
- Component re-designs
- OEM A2L designs
- RTU launches

**Chillers**
- Component re-designs
- OEM A2L designs
- OEM chiller launches
### Flammable LGWP Refrigerants Emerging in HVAC Applications in the Next Five Years

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#### A3 active programs

#### A2L active programs

#### A3/A2L beyond 2021
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