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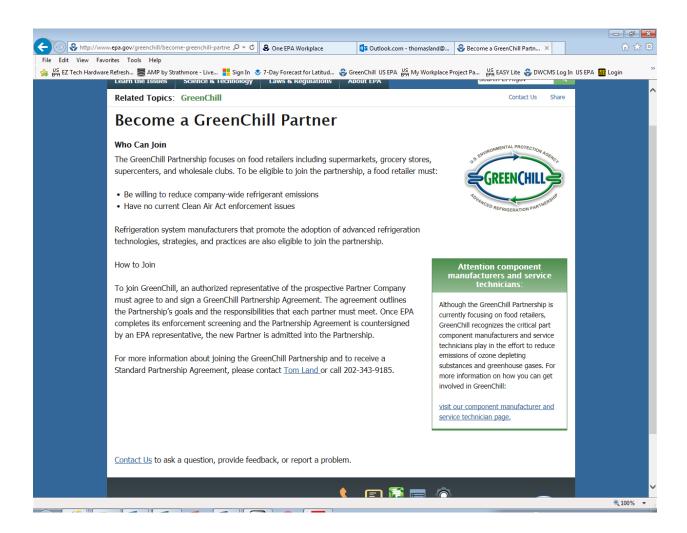
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EPA's GreenChill Advance Refrigeration Partnership

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Introduction to GreenChill Partnership - Corporate Emission Reduction Program [Informational/Instruction]



GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership Agreement [Form]

GREENCHILL ADVANCED REFRIGERATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR SUPERMARKET PARTNERS

This is a voluntary agreement between [] (herein referred to as the "Partner") and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership (herein referred to as the "Program," "GreenChill Partnership," or "GreenChill"). The goal of the Program is to reduce refrigerant emissions from food retailers and decrease their impact on the ozone layer and climate change. This agreement takes effect when signed by both Parties. *GreenChill is a non-regulatory initiative. It does not provide relief for any violations of the Clean Air Act and/or its Amendments.*

EPA'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Track and report partners' annual corporate-wide refrigerant inventory and emissions.
- Identify, research, compile and communicate news, successful strategies, and cost-saving opportunities for reducing refrigerant emissions in commercial refrigeration systems.
- Sponsor research relating to such strategies and new technologies.
- Benchmark Partner progress in reducing refrigerant emissions in commercial refrigeration, allowing the Partner to compare progress to others within the industry.
- Identify an EPA representative responsible for assisting the Partner in implementing the Program and notify the Partner of any change in the designated liaison.
- Provide Partner recognition for achievements through press releases, brochures, articles, and awards.
- Protect all information and data submitted to EPA or its partners to the fullest extent of the law in accordance with EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 2, including the provisions on protecting confidential business information (CBI). For information to be treated as CBI, it must be designated by the Partner as CBI at the time of submittal.

PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establish a base year for annual corporate-wide (aggregated) reporting of the inventory of refrigerant stock and refrigerant emissions. The base year may be the year in which this agreement is signed or up to two years prior.
- Complete and submit annually to EPA a corporate-wide inventory of refrigerant stock and emissions (aggregate, not by facility).
- Develop and submit annually to EPA a Corporate Refrigerant Management Plan that sets a refrigerant emissions reduction goal (goal to be approved by EPA) and describes technologies, strategies, and practices that will be used to achieve that goal.
- Commit to using only non-ozone-depleting refrigerant substitutes found acceptable under EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program in all commercial refrigeration applications in new construction and store remodels involving rack additions or replacements.
- Exchange information on Program development/implementation and best practices with other Program partners.
- Designate a GreenChill Partnership Representative and notify EPA of any change in the designated liaison.
- Communicate the Program to employees and cooperate with EPA efforts to publicize the Program.

EPA FORM No.: 5900-214

GENERAL TERMS

- As a general principle of the Program, each party to this agreement agrees to assume the good faith of the other party and to notify the other if any issues arise. Either party can terminate this agreement at any time without prior notification or penalties, with no further obligation. EPA will not comment publicly regarding withdrawal of Partners.
- Any violation of the Clean Air Act or its Amendments is grounds for EPA, at its discretion, to terminate this agreement with a partner and for removal from the GreenChill Partnership.
- The Partner agrees to cease, upon termination of this agreement, any written, electronic, or oral representation that could be reasonably construed to indicate continued participation in the Program, including the use of the GreenChill Partnership name and mark.
- The Partner agrees that it will adhere to the "Guidelines for Using the GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership Mark."
- The Partner agrees that the activities it undertakes connected with this agreement are not intended to provide services to the federal government and that the Partner will not submit a claim for compensation to any federal agency/department.
- The Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the Program constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the commitment to the GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership.
- This agreement does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law, and does not direct or apply to any person outside of the parties referenced in the agreement.

The undersigned officials execute this partnership agreement on behalf of their Parties.

EPA: Cindy Newberg, Chief, Alternatives and Emissions Reduction Branch, Stratospheric Protection Division, U.S. EPA

Signature:		Date:	
Authorized Partner Company Representative: Name:		Title:	
Signature:		Date:	
Partner's Designated GreenChill Representative: Name:		Title:	
Company:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Telephone:	Fax:		Email:

Please sign the partnership agreement and send a scanned copy by email to: land.tom@epa.gov

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Guidelines for Partner Annual Reporting [Informational/Instruction]

Guidelines for Completing GreenChill Supermarket Partners' Annual Installed Refrigerant and Emissions Corporate Reports and Corporate Refrigerant Management Plans



Section 1: General Partner Information

- The reporting year is the most recent calendar year (1/1 through 12/31).
- The number of stores you enter should be the number of stores at your selected "point in time" reporting date (see Section 2).
- The Partner's base year will vary depending on when your company joined GreenChill.
 Partners must select a base year when they join the Partnership. Partners are permitted to select base years that pre-date their entry into the Partnership if they are able to provide installed refrigerant and emissions data for those years. Partners should ask EPA if they have questions about their base year.

Section 2: Corporate-Wide Installed Refrigerant

- Use the blank reporting form provided by EPA. Do not change the order of the refrigerants listed in the blank report. Add information for refrigerants not listed in the form in the "INSERT OTHER" rows.
- Report aggregate installed refrigerant data for all retail stores.
- Each report on installed refrigerant should represent a "point in time." This is because the
 amount of installed refrigerant changes over the course of the year (e.g., companies may
 have purchased, sold, closed, or remodeled stores throughout the year). Once a point-intime is selected, Partners should use the same date every year. Many Partners choose
 December 31 of each year as the point-in-time on which their reports are based (i.e., "How
 much refrigerant was in every store owned on December 31, 2012?")
- Reports should include the following:
 - Installed refrigerant for commercial refrigeration systems (required)
 - Installed refrigerant for smaller self-contained equipment and air conditioning systems (optional, but encouraged)
 - Installed refrigerant in offices, break-rooms, etc. located inside retail stores
 - Installed refrigerant for climate-friendly refrigerants. Reporting on these refrigerants has been required since the 2013 reporting year.
- Reports should omit the following:
 - Installed refrigerant in office buildings, distribution centers, warehouses, etc. that are separate from retail stores
 - Refrigerant stored in cylinders on- or off- site

Section 3: Corporate-Wide Refrigerant Emissions

- Use the blank reporting form provided by EPA. Do not change the order of the refrigerants listed in the blank report. Add information for refrigerants not listed in the form in the "INSERT OTHER" rows.
- Report aggregate "emissions" information for all retail stores.
- Partners should report a running total of emissions for the entire period of January 1
 through December 31 (i.e., "How much refrigerant was emitted to the atmosphere in
 2012?"). This is different from Section 2, which requires a point-in-time installed refrigerant
 estimate.
- Reports should include the following:
 - Emissions for commercial refrigeration systems (required)
 - Emissions for smaller self-contained equipment and air conditioning systems (optional, but encouraged)
 - Emissions from offices, break-rooms, etc. located inside retail stores
 - Known emissions from retired systems
 - Emissions for climate-friendly refrigerants. Reporting on these refrigerants has been required since the 2013 reporting year.¹
- Reports should omit the following:
 - Emissions from office buildings, distribution centers, warehouses, etc. that are separate from retail stores
 - Refrigerant recovered/recycled from retired systems
 - First-fill charging when installing new systems or after remodels

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- <u>Verify</u> that installed refrigerant and emissions are reported in pounds or kilograms consistently.
- <u>Certify</u> with signature that the data report uses best estimates and that it represents a good faith effort to obtain and report accurate information.
- Submit a signed copy using instructions on the form.

^{1.} Although emissions of these refrigerants must be reported, they will not be factored into the calculations that are used to determine the annual best emissions rate award (i.e., total emissions from all sources as a percentage of installed refrigerant). The amount of these of these climate-friendly refrigerants that is installed (i.e., in charges) - on the other hand - will be factored into the calculations. This approach is meant to ensure that Partners who use refrigerants that have very small impacts on climate change are not penalized. This approach is used only for determining the annual best emissions rate award.

Guidelines for Completing Corporate Refrigerant Management Plan

- There is no standard form for refrigerant management plans. EPA provides an optional template that Partners can use.
- The plan must include the Partner's emissions rate goal for the current year.
 - The emissions rate goal is for commercial equipment with a charge size greater than 50 pounds.
 - Partners should set their emissions rate goal *lower* than their previous year's emissions rate (Partners can easily determine their previous year's emissions rate from the installed refrigerant and emissions reporting form). If Partners submit an emissions rate goal that is higher than their previous year's emissions rate, they will not be eligible for a GreenChill Goal Achievement Award next year.
- Partners are encouraged to also submit a stretch goal that is more aggressive than the required emissions rate goal. Partners can earn additional awards for achieving their stretch goals.
- The plan must include a qualitative description of how the Partner will reach the emissions
 rate goal identified. GreenChill uses this info "qualitatively" to help determine GreenChill
 projects for the coming year.
- Partners are not measured or tracked based on information in the Corporate Refrigerant Management Plan.

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For further guidance on a method for calculating installed refrigerant and refrigerant emissions please consult the document "Direct Fugitive Emissions from Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Fire Suppression, and Industrial Gases," and refer in particular to *Method 2.3, Material Balance Method*. This document can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/center-corporate-climate-leadership-direct-fugitive-emissions-refrigeration-air

Fictitious Model of a Refrigerant Management Plan [Informational/Instruction]

Suggested Template - Partners Are Not Required to Complete This Document

-- EXAMPLE --

Corporate Refrigerant Management Plan GreenChill Partners

Supermarket	Curly-Cue Supermarkets
Year	2015

Each GreenChill Partner is required to submit an annual corporate refrigerant management plan. GreenChill uses the information "qualitatively" to help determine GreenChill projects for the coming year. Partners are not evaluated based on information in their plans.

Although there is no standard form for the plan, this two-part template provides a suggested format Partners are welcome to use.

- Part 1: a <u>suggested format</u> for identifying emissions rate goal(s) for the present year. Partners are not required to use this format. They <u>must provide</u> an emissions rate goal.
- Part 2: a <u>suggested format</u> for the refrigerant management plan. Partners <u>must</u> describe their refrigerant management activities and how they plan to reach their emissions rate goal(s).

Part 1. Emissions Rate Goals

Partners are <u>required</u> to submit an emissions rate goal for the present year, for commercial systems with 50 or more pounds of refrigerant. Partners are <u>encouraged</u> (but not required) to also set a more aggressive "stretch" goal, for which they can receive a second award. Table 1 presents a suggested format for identifying emissions rate goal(s).

REMINDER: To be eligible for GreenChill goal achievement awards, Partners' goal(s) for the present year must be lower than their emissions rate from the previous year.

Table 1. Past goals and emissions rates for commercial systems with more than 50 pounds of refrigerant.

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Year	Goal (Required)	Stretch Goal (Optional)	Emissions Rate
2008 (Baseline Year)	Not applicable	Not applicable	16%
2009	10%	None identified	12%
2010	10%	None identified	10%
2011	9.1%	None identified	9%
2012	8.5%	None identified	8.5%
2013	8.25%	8%	8.2%
2014	8%	7.5%	8%
2015	7.5%	7.25%	7.25%*
2016	7.0%	6.9%	**

^{*} The emissions rate for the most recent past year should be from the GreenChill data reporting form.

^{**} The emissions rate for the present year will be calculated next year.

Part 2. Corporate Refrigerant Management Plan

Partners are welcome to use the following structure to organize their refrigerant management plan for the present year.

REMINDER: Partners do not need to address all the topics listed below; it is understood that not all topics will be relevant to each Partner.

A. Review of Previous Year's Goal(s) and Achievements (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)

What went well last year?

In 2014, we achieved our goal, but missed our stretch goal by 0.5%. Our achievement was a result of the acceleration of our "leak tightness" strategy to make up for our losses due to catastrophic equipment failures in previous years. All potentially faulty components were replaced in all our stores (not just the ones that failed), and as a result, we got back on track in 2015 and achieved our goal. As we continue to reduce our refrigerant emissions, we feel it is necessary to become more conservative in our goals. We hope to achieve a reduction in our emissions rate to 7.0% in 2016. Our stretch goal for 2016 is 6.9%.

What did not go well last year? How will these challenges be addressed in the present year?

What were the key factors that helped you meet (or prevented you from meeting) your goal(s) for the year?

Other notes

B. Leak Prevention and Repair (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)

Installation of leak detection systems

We are installing better leak sensors in the machine rooms in an additional 600 stores (new leak detectors installed in 600 stores in every year from 2006-2015).

Leak prevention or charge reducing system components

Regular leak prevention maintenance program

Use of GreenChill's Leak Prevention and Repair Guideline

Use of GreenChill's Maintenance for Leak Prevention Fact Sheet

Rapid leak response protocol

We have a rapid response system that ensures that a technician responds to a leak in any stores within 7 minutes of the notification.

Leak repair verification requirements

We require verification from our service technicians that every leak was fixed and then require reverification after 30 minutes of regular system operation.

Other notes

C. Store Remodels or Retrofits (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)

Number of remodels or retrofits planned

Curly-Cue Supermarkets has discontinued our R-22 store retrofits to HFC refrigerants. All stores have been converted.

Refrigerants involved (e.g., retrofitted in and out)

Systems involved (e.g., retrofitted in and out)

Use of GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Guidelines or GreenChill's Retrofit Guidelines

Remodeled or retrofitted system design features (e.g., for reduced charge and leak potential)

Estimated charge size for remodeled or retrofitted systems

Estimated leak rate for remodeled or retrofitted systems

Other notes

D. Newly Designed Stores (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)

Number of new stores opening

We are opening 20 new stores throughout 2016. All new stores will use non-ODS refrigerants for A/C, commercial refrigeration, and self-contained equipment.

Refrigerants involved

We are considering adopting a policy of using only climate-friendly refrigerants in all new stores.

Refrigeration systems involved

- Of the 20 new stores we are building in 2016, **16** of them will be standard DX refrigeration systems.
- Of the 20 new stores we are building in 2016, 2 of them will be secondary loop stores.
- Of the 20 new stores we are building in 2016, 2 of them will be distributed system stores.

New system design features (e.g., for reduced charge and leak potential)

We will achieve lower refrigerant charges by using:

- Compressor type A instead of compressor type B
- Piping configuration X
- Receiver X
- Sub-cooling
- Line size diameters of y (used to be x)

When building new stores, we ensure reduced leak potential by planning:

- Less Pipe Surface area x footage vs. y footage in a regular store
- Less Pipe footage x footage vs. y footage in a regular store
- Fewer Solder Joints 34 joints vs. 76 in other stores
- Fewer components reduces leaks by doing x
- Better piping supports we are using x brand piping supports, which do y.

Use of GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Guidelines

All new stores will GreenChill's installation leak tightness standards as described in the GreenChill Leak Tightness Installation Guideline. The refrigeration systems for all new DX stores are currently tested for leak tightness at installation. We have adopted GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Best Practices Guidelines as our company spec, and all service technicians are required to follow the Guidelines and have the results of the GreenChill Leak Tightness Testing verified by a Supervisory

Maintenance Manager before declaring the work complete.

Estimated charge size for new systems

New DX Stores

Curly-Cue's goal is to reduce the refrigerant charge in all new DX stores from an average of 4500 lbs. of refrigerant to 3000 lbs of refrigerant.

New Secondary Loop stores

Our goal is to reduce our refrigerant charge in all new secondary loop stores down to an average of 1000 lbs. per store, vs. 3000-4500 lbs in our DX systems.

New Distributed System stores

The stores that use distributed systems will have a refrigerant charge of 2000 lbs., as opposed to our DX stores that have a charge that ranges from 3000-4500 lbs of refrigerant.

Estimated leak rate for new systems

New DX Stores

In the 800 new DX stores we built from 2006-2015 using these steps, we have consistently achieved and maintained annual leak rates below 10%.

New Secondary Loop stores

We estimate that our stores that use secondary loop systems will have leak rates of less than 5%.

New Distributed System stores

We estimate that our stores that use a distributed refrigeration system will have leak rates of less than 10%.

Other notes

E. GreenChill Certification (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)

Plans for achieving certification or re-certification in existing stores

Plans for achieving certification in new/future stores

Other notes

F. Store Turnover (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)

Number of stores to be <u>acquired</u>

Refrigerants and systems used in stores to be acquired

Number of stores to be <u>closed</u>

Refrigerants and systems used in stores to be closed

G. Technician and Contractor Coordination (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)
Technician training on leak prevention and refrigerant management
Technician/contractor performance tracking and incentive programs
Contract specifications for GreenChill best practices
Other notes

Other notes

H. Refrigerant Use Tracking (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)
Refrigerant tracking tools/software
Refrigerant banking
Other notes

I. Evaluation and Communications (suggested topics, complete relevant ones)
Estimating impacts of refrigerant leaks (e.g., using GreenChill's Financial Impact Calculator)
Communicating to management about importance of leak prevention and refrigerant management
Other notes

GreenChill Supermarket Corporate Refrigerant Management Plan

Annual Reporting for Partners [Form]

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GreenChill Installed Refrigerant and Emissions Corporate Report for Food Retail Partners

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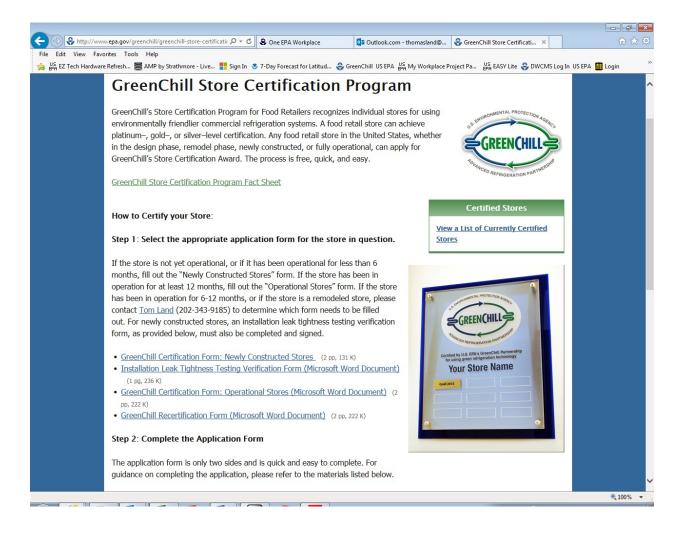
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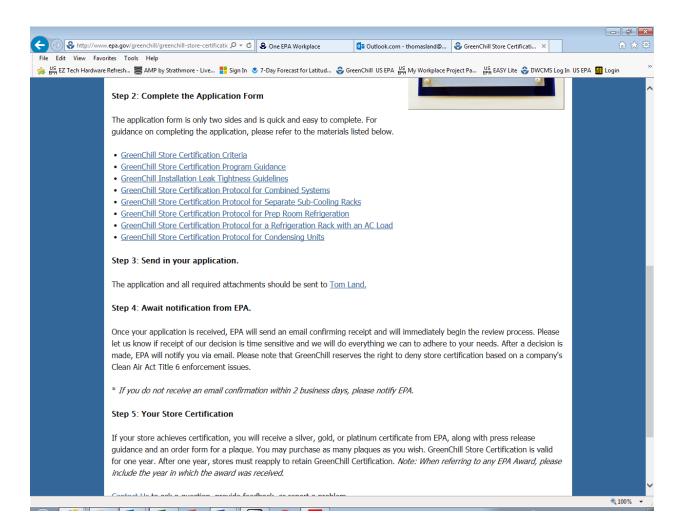


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Introduction to Store Certification Program [Instructional/Information]





Store Certification Criteria [Instructional/Information]



GreenChill Store Certification Criteria

The following document summarizes the requirements to achieve Platinum-, Gold- and Silver-Level Certification. Please see the <u>GreenChill Store Certification Program Guidance</u> for more information on each criterion.

Platinum-Level Store Certification: To qualify for GreenChill's Platinum-Level Store Certification, a store must meet the requirements under either A or B:

A. HFC-Based Refrigeration Systems

- The store must only use refrigerants with zero ozone-depleting potential;
- The store must only use refrigerants that have been found acceptable by EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program for use in retail food refrigeration end-uses;
- The store must achieve an average HFC refrigerant charge equal to or less than 0.5 lbs. of HFC refrigerant per MBTU/hr. total evaporator heat load;
- The store must achieve a store-wide annual HFC refrigerant emissions rate of 5% or less; and
- All newly constructed stores must also be leak tested at installation according to the standards in <u>GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Testing Guidelines</u>.

B. Refrigeration Systems using Low-GWP Refrigerants

- The store must only use refrigerants with zero ozone-depleting potential;
- The store must only use refrigerants that have been found acceptable by EPA's SNAP Program for
 use in retail food refrigeration end-uses; and
- All refrigerants used in the store's commercial refrigeration system must have a global warming potential (GWP) lower than 150.

Gold-Level Store Certification: To qualify for GreenChill's Gold-Level Store Certification, a store must meet the following requirements:

- The store must only use refrigerants with zero ozone-depleting potential;
- The store must only use refrigerants that have been found acceptable by EPA's SNAP Program for
 use in retail food refrigeration end-uses;
- The store must achieve an average HFC refrigerant charge equal to or less than 1.25 lbs. of refrigerant per MBTU/hr. total evaporator heat load;

- The store must achieve a store-wide annual HFC refrigerant emissions rate of 15% or less; and
- All newly constructed stores must also be leak tested at installation according to the standards in GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Testing Guidelines.

Silver-Level Store Certification: To qualify for GreenChill's Silver-Level Store Certification, a store must meet the following requirements:

- The store must only use refrigerants with zero ozone-depleting potential;
- The store must only use refrigerants that have been found acceptable by EPA's SNAP Program for use in retail food refrigeration end-uses;
- The store must achieve an average HFC refrigerant charge equal to or less than 1.75 lbs of refrigerant per MBTU/hr. total evaporator heat load; and
- The store must achieve a store-wide annual HFC refrigerant emissions rate of 15% or less.
- All newly constructed stores must also be leak tested at installation according to the standards in GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Testing Guidelines.

Store Certification Guidance [Informational/Instruction]

The GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership



GreenChill Store Certification Program Guidance

The following document provides guidance on meeting the GreenChill store certification requirements and completing either the newly constructed store or operational store application form.

Guidance on the Certification Program:

- 1. GreenChill certification is valid for one year from the date of the certification award.
- GreenChill certification may be re-earned annually, as long as a store meets the certification criteria on an
 annual basis. To apply for recertification, the <u>recertification application form</u> may be used. A store that
 achieves certification for several years may receive "continued excellence" awards.
- 3. A store that was previously certified but is unable to meet the certification criteria for a particular year will not be re-certified for that year. The store may reapply for certification at any time after its certification has expired and will be re-certified once the store is able to meet the certification criteria. The store can continue to be re-certified for all years that it is able to meet the criteria.
- 4. There is no fee to apply for GreenChill certification. The only cost associated with GreenChill certification is the cost to order the optional platinum-level, gold-level, or silver-level plaque award. Every store awarded certification automatically receives a GreenChill certificate.
- GreenChill reserves the right to verify the information submitted by a store for certification, including, but not limited to, inspection of the store, requesting third party certification, and/or requesting copies of store records related to the certification criteria.

Guidance on the Certification Application Forms:

Three application forms are available for stores applying for GreenChill certification; (1) the Newly Constructed Store form (2) the Operational Store form, and (3) the Recertification form. Stores must submit the form that is appropriate to the condition of the store at the time of application. For store *remodel* projects, please contact Tom Land at Land.Tom@epa.gov or 202-343-9185 to determine whether the newly constructed store form or the operational store form needs to be filled out.

Guidance on Meeting the Certification Requirements:

Certification Criteria: GreenChill's decision to award a store with certification is based on several criteria, which are listed in Table 1 below. Each criterion applies to and is based on different types of refrigerant-containing equipment. For instance, the refrigerant emissions rate criteria applies to and is based solely on the store's remote commercial refrigeration equipment, while the requirement that refrigerants be non-ozone-depleting applies to and is based on all three types of refrigerant-containing equipment in the store.

Table 1: Equipment Included in Each Certification Criterion

Tuok II Equipment Inch	INCLUDED EQUIPMENT		
CERTIFICATION CRITERIA	Self contained commercial refrigeration equipment	Remote commercial refrigeration equipment	HVAC Equipment
Refrigerant charge (lbs.)		✓	
Total load (MBTU/Hr)		✓	
Refrigerant emissions rate (lbs.)		✓	
Non-ozone-depleting refrigerant	✓	✓	✓
SNAP-approved refrigerant	✓	✓	✓
GreenChill's Installation leak Tightness standards (newly constructed stores only)		✓	

- 2. **Refrigerant Charge:** A store's refrigerant charge is the total pounds of refrigerant that are charged into a store's commercial refrigeration equipment.
- 3. Combined Systems: If your store's remote commercial refrigeration system is combined with your stores air conditioning system, it will not be possible to separate air conditioning emissions from commercial refrigeration emissions. It similarly will be difficult to separate air conditioning charge from commercial refrigeration charge. Please refer to the GreenChill Store Certification Protocol for Combined Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems for more information on how to report data for combined systems.
- 4. Total Load: A store's total load shall include all BTUs associated with refrigeration. This includes the BTU output of all remote commercial refrigeration equipment but SHALL NOT include the BTU output of all self-contained commercial refrigeration equipment (i.e. soda machines, vendor supplied coolers, ice machines, refrigerators in deli areas, etc.). The total load ALSO SHALL NOT include sub-cooling, heat of rejection, pump heat, or any BTUs associated with air conditioning loads. Note: The total load is not the rack rating or compressor capacity, which is typically larger than the total load.

- 5. Prep Room Refrigeration: Sometimes it can be unclear whether BTUs used for 'prep room refrigeration' should be considered air conditioning or refrigeration. Please refer to the <u>GreenChill Store Certification Protocol for Stores with Prep Room Refrigeration</u> for more information on how to report data associated with prep room refrigeration.
- 6. Separate Racks for Sub-Cooling: Sub-cooling racks may sometimes be separate from the racks containing the commercial refrigeration equipment. Please refer to the <u>GreenChill Store Certification Protocol for Sub-Cooling Contained on Racks Separate from Refrigeration Equipment</u> for more information on how to report data associated with sub-cooling.
- 7. Refrigerant Charge/Total Load: GreenChill uses the store's refrigerant charge and the store's total load to calculate the pounds of refrigerant per MBTU/hr. Pounds of refrigerant per MBTU/hr. is calculated as follows:

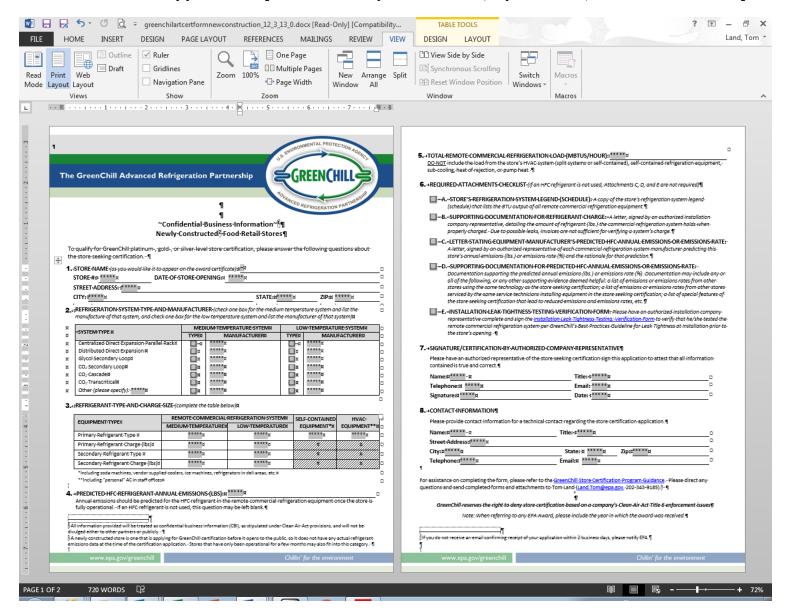
Refrigerant Charge (lbs.)	= 1bs of refrigerent per MPTI/br
Total load (MBTU/hr.)	= lbs. of refrigerant per MBTU/hr.

8. Annual Emissions: Each store applying for GreenChill gold-level or silver-level certification must achieve an annual emissions rate of no more than 15% of the commercial refrigeration system's refrigerant charge. For platinum-level certification, stores must achieve an annual emissions rate of no more than 5% of the commercial refrigeration system's refrigerant charge. The amount of refrigerant emitted over the period of one year is equal to the amount of refrigerant lost from the store's commercial refrigeration equipment and systems. The emissions rate is calculated as follows:

- 9. Ozone Depletion: As indicated in Table 1 above, all refrigerants used in the store, including the refrigerants in all types of self-contained equipment (soda machine in the break rooms, ice machines, deli refrigerators, etc.), must be non-ozone-depleting refrigerants. The most common ozone-depleting refrigerant used in supermarkets is HCFC-22. For a list of all Class I and Class II ozone-depleting refrigerants, see http://www.epa.gov/ozone/science/ods/classone.html
- Non-Ozone Depleting Alternatives: For the list of substitute refrigerants that EPA's SNAP Program has
 found to be acceptable alternatives to ozone-depleting refrigerants in commercial refrigeration, see
 http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/refrigerants/lists/foodref.html
- 11. Leak Testing: All newly constructed store certification applications must include verification that the commercial refrigeration system was tested for leaks according to <u>GreenChill's Installation Leak Tightness Testing Guidelines.</u>

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Store Certification Applications [Forms - Newly Constructed, Operational, and Recertification]



D. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR PREDICTED HFC ANNUAL EMISSIONS OR EMISSIONS RATE: Documentation supporting the predicted annual emissions (lbs.) or emissions rate (%). Documentation may include any or all of the following, or any other supporting evidence deemed helpful: a list of emissions or emissions rates from other stores using the same technology as the store seeking certification; a list of emissions or emissions rates from other stores serviced by the same service technicians installing equipment in the store seeking certification; a list of

E. INSTALLATION LEAK TIGHTNESS TESTING VERIFICA-TION FORM: Please have an authorized installation company representative complete and sign the <u>Installation Leak</u> <u>Tightness Testing: Verification Form</u> to verify that he/she tested the remote commercial refrigeration system per GreenChill's Best Practices Guideline for Leak Tightness at Installation prior to the store's opening.

special features of the store seeking certification that lead

to reduced emissions and emissions rates, etc.

7. SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION BY AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Please have an authorized representative of the store seeking certification sign this application to attest that all information contained is true and correct.

Name:	Title:
Telephone:	Email:
Signature:	Date:

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide contact information for a technical contact regarding the store certification application.

Name:	Title:
Street Address:	
City:	State: Zip:
Telephone:	Email:

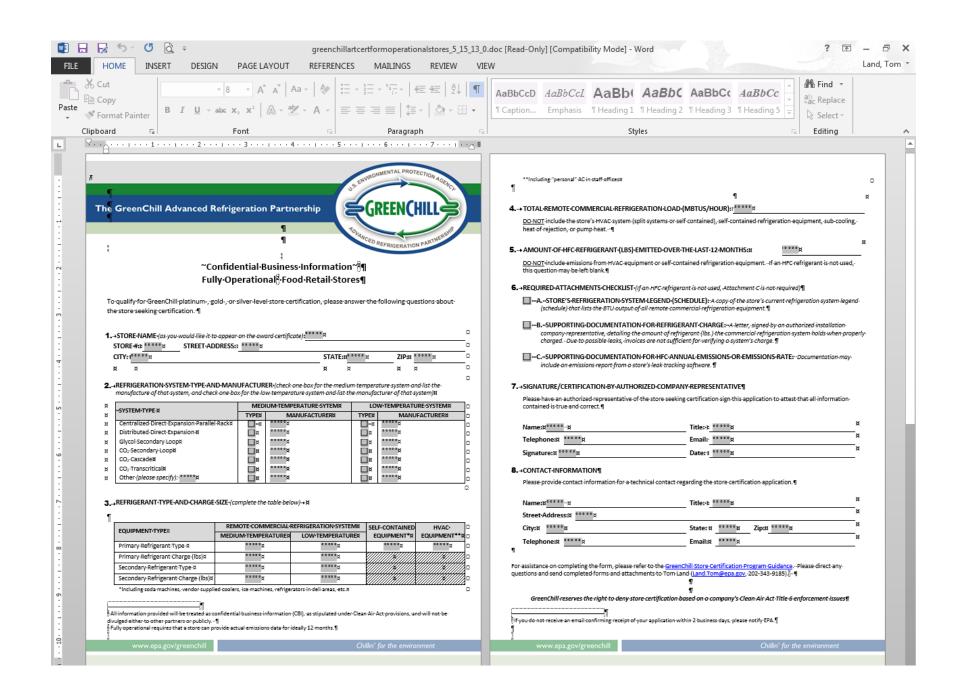
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~Confidential Business Information~1 Recertification of Food Retail Stores

GreenChill's Store Certification is valid for one year. At the end of your store's certification period, you may apply to have your store re-certified for an additional year. If your store is applying to re-qualify for GreenChill platinum-, gold-, or silver-level store certification, please answer the following questions about the store seeking re-certification.

1. STORE NAME (as	you would like it to appear on t	he award certificate):			
STORE #:	STREET ADDRESS:				
CITY:		STA:	TE:	ZIP:	

REFRIGERATION SYSTEM TYPE AND MANUFACTURER (check one box for the medium temperature system and list the
manufacture of that system, and check one box for the low temperature system and list the manufacturer of that system)

SYSTEM TYPE	MEDIUM TEMPERATURE SYTEM		LOW TEMPERATURE SYSTEM	
STSIEM ITPE	TYPE	MANUFACTURER	TYPE	MANUFACTURER
Centralized Direct Expansion Parallel Rack				
Distributed Direct Expansion				
Glycol Secondary Loop				
CO ₂ Secondary Loop				
CO ₂ Cascade				
CO ₂ Transcritical				
Other (please specify):				

¹ All information provided will be treated as confidential business information (CBI), as stipulated under Clean Air Act provisions, and will not be divulged either to other partners or publicly.

3. REFRIGERANT TYPE AND CHARGE SIZE (complete the table below

EQUIPMENT TYPE	REMOTE COMMERCIAL	REFRIGERATION SYSTEM	SELF-CONTAINED	HVAC	
EQUIPMENT TYPE	DIPMENT TYPE MEDIUM TEMPERATURE		EQUIPMENT*	EQUIPMENT**	
Primary Refrigerant Type					
Primary Refrigerant Charge (Ibs)					
Secondary Refrigerant Type					
Secondary Refrigerant Charge (lbs)					

[&]quot;Induding soda machines, vendor supplied coolers, ice machines, refrigerators in deli areas, etc.

4. CHANGE IN TOTAL REMOTE COM	MERCIAL REFRIGERATION LOA	D (MBTUS/HOUR) SINCE THE STORE'S LAST
GREENCHILL CERTIFICATION?	NO TYPS T	

If YES, record the store's total remote commercial refrigeration load (MBTUs/hour) below and attach a copy of the store's current refrigeration system legend (schedule) that lists the BTU output of all remote commercial refrigeration equipment.

TOTAL	REMOTE COMMERCIAL	REFRIGERATION LOAD	(MBTUS/HOUR):	

<u>DO NOT</u> include the store's HVAC system (split systems or self contained), self-contained refrigeration equipment, sub-cooling, heat of rejection, or pump heat.

5. AMOUNT OF HFC REFRIGERANT (LBS) EMITTED OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS:

<u>DO NOT</u> include emissions from HVAC equipment or self-contained refrigeration equipment. If an HFC refrigerant is not used, this question may be left blank.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR HFC ANNUAL EMIS-

sions: Documentation may include an emissions report generated from your store's leak tracking software, a refrigeration system status report, or a signed letter from your store's servicing/maintenance contractor confirming the quantity of refrigerant added to the system over the past year. If there have been zero leaks, a signed letter by the person/contractor responsible for tracking leaks is also acceptable. (If an HFC refrigerant is not used, supporting documentation for annual emissions is not required).

^{**}Inducting "personal" AC in staff offices

6. SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION BY AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

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