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Ontario Thermostat Recycling Update

In accordance with Ontario's Waste Diversion Act (WDA) and Waste Diversion Ontario's "Procedures for Industry Stewardship Plans", the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI), with the support of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH), is submitting an Industry Stewardship Plan (ISP) on behalf of manufacturers and distributors responsible for selling mercury-containing thermostats into Ontario.

The ISP builds on and expands the existing Switch the 'Stat™ program managed by Clean Air Foundation (CAF), which focuses on thermostat collection from heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractors and wholesalers in Ontario.

The ultimate goal in preparing this ISP is to develop and deliver a national harmonized program across Canada for the collection and recycling of thermostats. The intention of this ISP is to create a program that satisfies the obligations for thermostat manufacturers under the Ontario MHSW Program, and the British Columbia Recycling Regulation, and then expand that program and infrastructure more fully to a national scope as other provinces start to require these plans.

HRAI and CIPH will be contacting their members in the coming weeks to initiate the program once approved. If this ISP is approved by December 15, 2009, the ISP will begin operating by January 2010.

For more information on the Ontario Thermostat ISP, please contact Kevin Wong at k.wong@ciph.com.

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