

FACT SHEET
**Final Rule - Revision of Refrigerant Recovery and
Recycling Equipment Standards**

ACTION

- With this action, EPA updates the currently referenced motor vehicle air conditioning (MVAC) servicing standards for refrigerant handling to match newly revised industry standards.
- This action does not require an immediate replacement of previously certified MVAC recovery/recycling equipment with new equipment.
- All new MVAC refrigerant handling equipment manufactured after December 31, 2007 must be certified to the specifications outlined in the regulation.

BACKGROUND

- Under the Section 609 of the Clean Air Act, EPA establishes standards specifically for the service of motor vehicle air conditioners (MVACs).
- EPA refers to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) industry standards for technical specifications related to MVAC servicing issues.
- Existing regulations covering specifications for motor vehicle air conditioning (MVAC) refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment reference outdated SAE standards. This action updates existing regulations to reference newly updated SAE standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- Additional information on MVAC servicing can be found at the following address:
<http://epa.gov/ozone/title6/609/technicians/index.html>
- For further information about this action, contact Karen Thundiyl of EPA's Office of Atmospheric Programs at (202) 343-9464 or at thundiyl.karen@epa.gov