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Enhanced refrigerant management

Possible 1 point

1 result in All .

Intent

To reduce ozone depletion and support early compliance with the Montreal Protocol while minimizing direct contributions to climate change.

Requirements

Option 1. No refrigerants or low-impact refrigerants (1 point)

Do not use refrigerants, or use only refrigerants (naturally occurring or synthetic) that have an ozone depletion potential (ODP) of zero and a global warming potential (GWP) of less than 50.

OR

Option 2. Calculation of refrigerant impact (1 point)

Select refrigerants that are used in heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC&R) equipment to minimize or eliminate the emission of compounds that contribute to ozone depletion and climate change. The combination of all new and existing [base building](#) and tenant HVAC&R equipment that serve the project must comply with the following formula:

IP units	SI units
$\frac{LCGWP + LCODP \times 10^5}{Q_{total}} \leq 100$	$\frac{LCGWP + LCODP \times 10^5}{Q_{total}} \leq 13$
Calculation definitions for LCGWP + LCODP x 10⁵ ≤ 100 (IP units)	Calculation definitions for LCGWP + LCODP x 10⁵ ≤ 13 (SI units)
LCODP = [ODPr x (Lr x Life +Mr) x Rc]/Life	LCODP = [ODPr x (Lr x Life +Mr) x Rc]/Life
LCGWP = [GWPr x (Lr x Life +Mr) x Rc]/Life	LCGWP = [GWPr x (Lr x Life +Mr) x Rc]/Life
LCODP: Lifecycle Ozone Depletion Potential (lb CFC 11/Ton-Year)	LCODP: Lifecycle Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC 11/(kW/year))
LCGWP: Lifecycle Direct Global Warming Potential (lb CO ₂ /Ton-Year)	LCGWP: Lifecycle Direct Global Warming Potential (kg CO ₂ /kW-year)
GWPr: Global Warming Potential of Refrigerant (0 to 12,000 lb CO ₂ /lbr)	GWPr: Global Warming Potential of Refrigerant (0 to 12,000 kg CO ₂ /kg r)
ODPr: Ozone Depletion Potential of Refrigerant (0 to 0.2 lb CFC 11/lbr)	ODPr: Ozone Depletion Potential of Refrigerant (0 to 0.2 kg CFC 11/kg r)
Lr: Refrigerant Leakage Rate (2.0%)	Lr: Refrigerant Leakage Rate (2.0%)
Mr: End-of-life Refrigerant Loss (10%)	Mr: End-of-life Refrigerant Loss (10%)
Rc: Refrigerant Charge (0.5 to 5.0 lbs of refrigerant per ton of gross AHRI rated cooling capacity)	Rc: Refrigerant Charge (0.065 to 0.65 kg of refrigerant per kW of AHRI rated or Eurovent Certified cooling capacity)
Life: Equipment Life (10 years; default based on equipment type, unless otherwise demonstrated)	Life: Equipment Life (10 years; default based on equipment type, unless otherwise demonstrated)

For multiple types of equipment, calculate a weighted average of all base building HVAC&R equipment, using the following formula:

IP units	SI units
$\frac{\sum (LCGWP + LCODP \times 10^5) \times Q_{unit}}{Q_{total}} \leq 100$	$\frac{\sum (LCGWP + LCODP \times 10^5) \times Q_{unit}}{Q_{total}} \leq 13$
Calculation definitions for [∑ (LCGWP + LCODP x 10⁵) x Qunit] / Qtotal ≤ 100 (IP units)	Calculation definitions for [∑ (LCGWP + LCODP x 10⁵) x Qunit] / Qtotal ≤ 13 (SI units)
Qunit = Gross AHRI rated cooling capacity of an individual HVAC or refrigeration unit (Tons)	Qunit = Eurovent Certified cooling capacity of an individual HVAC or refrigeration unit (kW)
Qtotal = Total gross AHRI rated cooling capacity of all HVAC or refrigeration	Qtotal = Total Eurovent Certified cooling capacity of all HVAC or refrigeration (kW)