

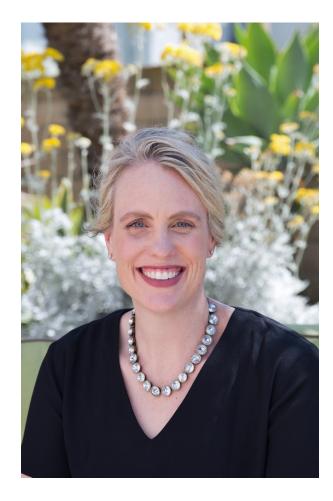
# GreenChill Annual Recognition Event

#### September 24, 2020





### Kirsten Cappel GreenChill Program Manager



# **Presentation Overview**



- GreenChill Program Overview
- Trends and Achievements in 2019 GreenChill Partners and GreenChill Certified Stores
- Remarks from Office of Atmospheric Programs Director, Chris Grundler
- GreenChill Recognition Presentation of Awards
- Presentations by Recognition Recipients
  - Weis Markets & Hillphoenix

# **Program Overview**

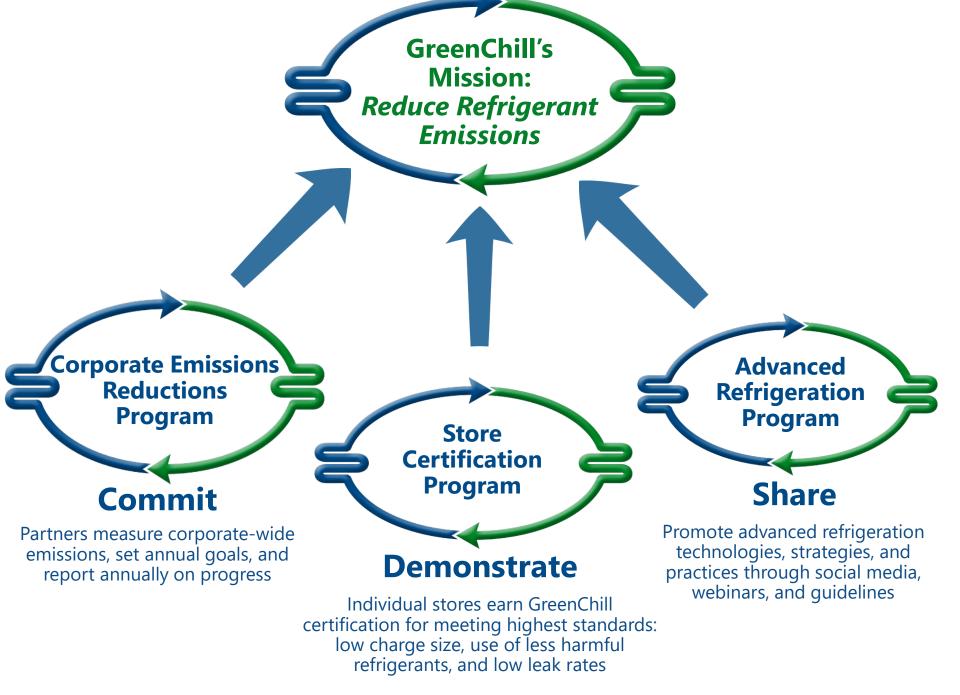




GreenChill is a voluntary partnership program that works collaboratively with the food retail industry to reduce refrigerant emission and decrease stores' impact on the ozone layer and climate system

GreenChill works to help food retailers:

- Lower refrigerant charge sizes and eliminate leaks
- Transition to environmentally friendlier refrigerants
- Adopt green refrigeration technologies and best environmental practices



#### **Corporate Emissions Reduction Program**

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- Food Retailers (Supermarkets, grocery stores, supercenters, co-ops, wholesale clubs)
  - Reduce corporate refrigerant emissions by annually setting reduction goals and measuring corporate stocks and emissions
  - Report data to EPA
- Refrigeration Systems Manufacturers
  - Promote the adoption of advanced refrigeration technologies, strategies, and practices
  - Report equipment sales data to EPA
- Chemical Producers
  - Promote the adoption of retrofit chemicals and secondary fluids

#### **GreenChill Partners**

Food Retailers Banners	<b>26</b> 61
Refrigeration Systems Manufacturers	5
Chemical Producers	6

# **GreenChill Partners Lead the Way**



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# **Store Certification Program**

- Certified stores demonstrate leadership in food retail refrigerant management
- These stores:
  - Use only non-ozone depleting refrigerants that are Significant New Alternatives Policy program approved
  - Have lower refrigerant charge sizes and leak rates compared to the average food retail store\*
- Any food retail store in the United States can apply; not necessary to be a GreenChill Partner



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### Platinum, Gold, and Silver certification levels

\*Determines certification level.

# **Newest GreenChill Partner**

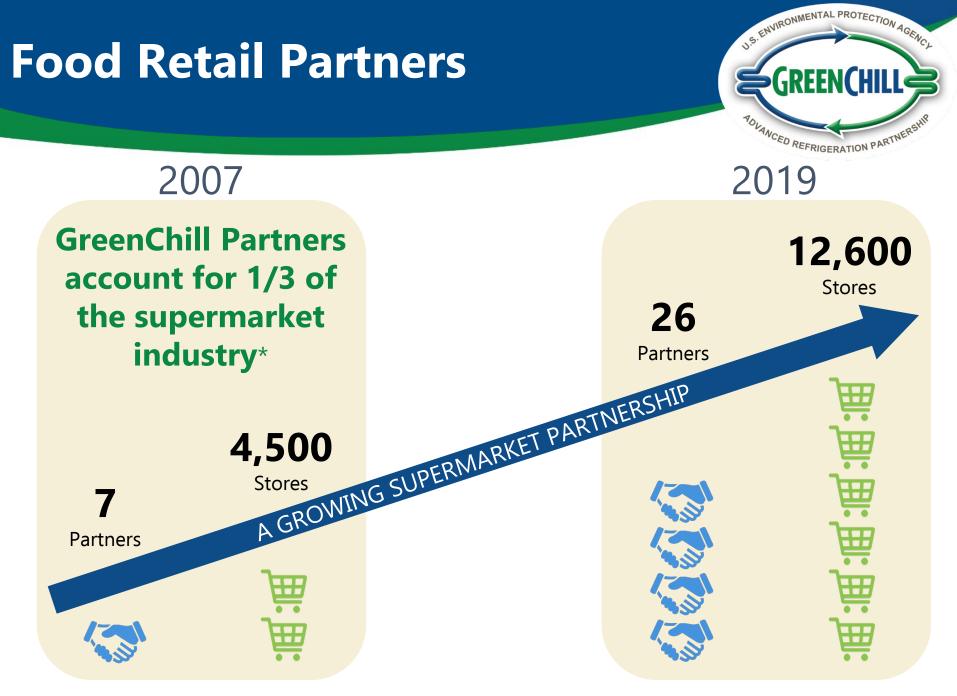


# Welcome to our newest Partner! Grocery Outlet joined GreenChill this year





# Trends and Achievements in 2019



\*Food Marketing Institute Supermarket Facts (2018).

# Partner Highlights - 2019

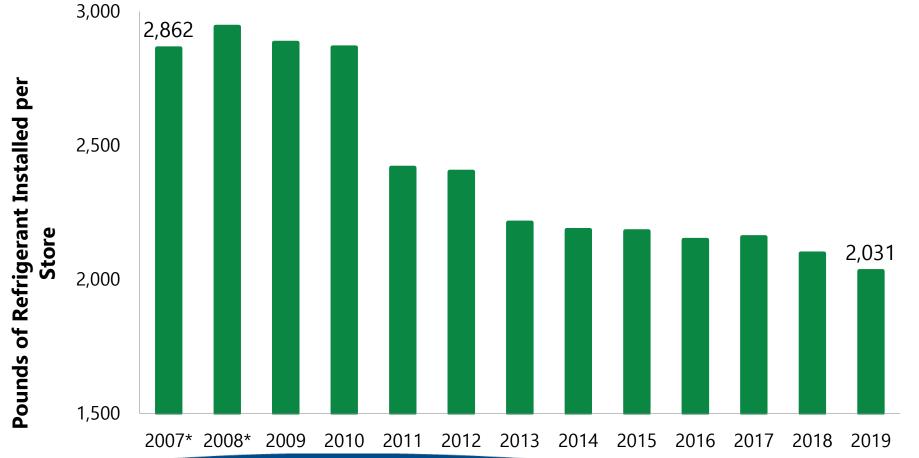


- Partner average emissions rate: 14.3%\*
- 16 Partners (~62%) were at or below the Partnership average
- 8 Partners were in the "10% and Under Club"
- 50% of Partners reduced or maintained their emissions rate versus 2018
  - 2 reduced their emissions rate by at least 30%
  - 5 reduced their emissions rate by at least 10%
- 63% of Partners reduced or maintained their emissions rate versus their baseline year
  - 3 reduced their emissions rate by at least 60%
  - 6 reduced their emissions rate by at least 30%
  - 9 reduced their emissions rate by at least 20%
  - 11 reduced their emissions rate by at least 10%

#### \* Includes emissions from commercial systems with a charge $\geq$ 50 pounds of refrigerant.

# **Average Installed Refrigerants**



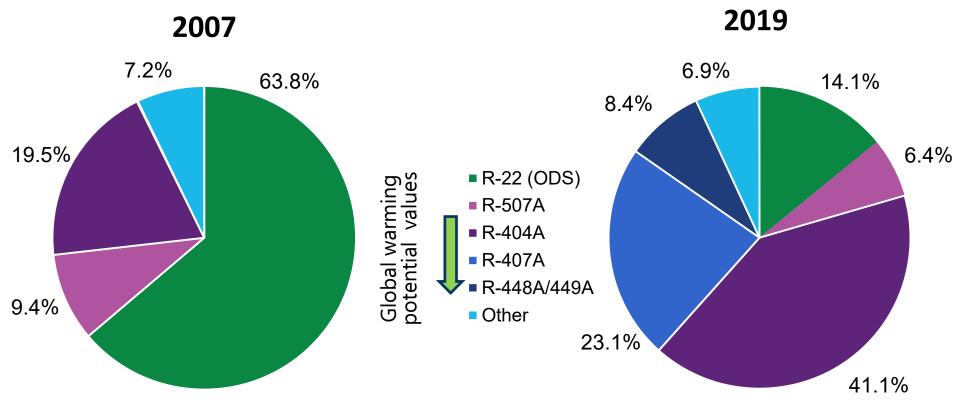


#### **KEY TAKEAWAY**

On average, Partners are using about 30% less refrigerant in stores than in 2007

# **Partnership Installed Refrigerants**





#### **KEY TAKEAWAY**

Partners are transitioning from ozone depleting substances (ODS) and highglobal warming potential (GWP) hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) toward alternatives

# **Partners' Impact**



If every U.S. supermarket met GreenChill Partners' average emissions rate, the supermarket industry would:

- Save more than **\$160 million** in refrigerant replacement costs
- Reduce annual refrigerant emissions by:
  - 30 million metrics tons carbon dioxide equivalent (MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e)
  - 88 ozone depletion potential metrics tons

# **Store Certification Program**

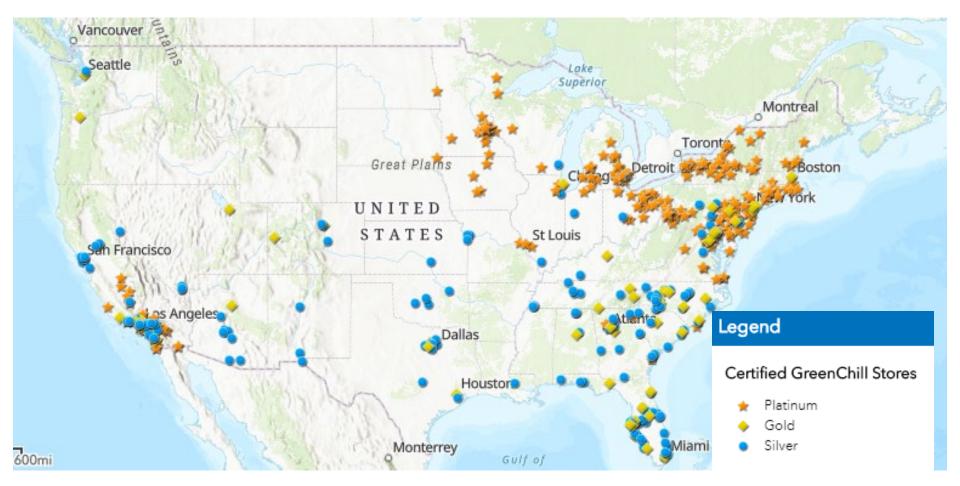




\*As of August 2020.

# **GreenChill Certified Stores -**2019





View the interactive map and table of certified stores www.epa.gov/greenchill/greenchill-store-certifications

# **Benefits from Certified Stores -**2019





#### ~238,600 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e emissions avoided

Emissions avoided are equivalent to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from approximately:



40,396 homes' electricity use for one year



30 billion phones charged

#### Remarks



### Chris Grundler, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs





# GreenChill Recognition







- GreenChill is recognizing 10 companies in 7 categories with a total of 22 achievements across the 2 Programs
- Partnership Program achievements occurred in the 2019 calendar year
- Store Certification Program achievements occurred from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

# **Superior Goal Achievement**

Partner that achieves its annual refrigerant emissions reduction goal. Goal must be below the leak rate achieved the year before.







This year, four Partners achieved their 2019 refrigerant emissions rate goals.

### **Exceptional Goal Achievement**

*Partner that achieves its "stretch" refrigerant emissions reduction goal. This goal is more difficult to achieve than Superior Goal Achievement.* 



This year, one Partner achieved their 2019 "stretch" goal.

### **Most Improved Emissions Rate**

Partner with the most improved emissions rate for commercial systems from the previous year and since the year they joined the Partnership.



Year-to-year and Over Baseline Year.

#### Best Emissions Rate Retail Chain

Lowest refrigerant emissions rate of all Partners.



#### Best Emissions Rate Small-Independent

Lowest refrigerant emissions rate of all Partners.



Photos courtesy of Cook County Whole Foods Co-op.

Jennifer Stoltz from Cook Jennifer facilitated the construction of the Co-op's refrigeration systems.

County Whole Foods Co-op.





#### Best of the Best Certified Store

The best GreenChill certified store in the past year.



This Meijer store achieved the highest estimated avoided emissions of any store in the award cycle.

# Store Certification Excellence *Supermarket*

*The supermarket company that achieves the most GreenChill store certifications in the past year.* 







Aaron Sumida and Amber Hardy from ALDI with a carbon dioxide system.

#### **Store Certification Excellence** *Systems Manufacturer*

*The commercial systems manufacturer with the most systems installed in GreenChill certified stores in the past year.* 

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# **Store Re-Certification Excellence**

Each supermarket that renewed its GreenChill Store Certification for five consecutive years.



Carthage, NY Webster, NY



Southport, NC



North Berwick, ME



Germantown, TN Hurst, TX Marietta, GA Oakland, CA Roswell, GA San Rafael, CA Wheat Ridge, CO

This year, 11 stores reached this achievement for 5 years.

"Food Lion is pleased to have earned five annual certifications, and be recognized with the Store Re-certification Excellence achievement. The GreenChill recognition is one more indication of the sustainability efforts Food Lion continues to make. We are committed to protecting our environment by decreasing our energy consumption and reducing our carbon footprint."

Wayne Rosa, Director of Maintenance for Food Lion, Retail Business Services





# **Presentations by Recognition Recipients**





# **Weis Markets**



# **Weis Markets**



#### **Joseph Jennings**

Store Service/ Refrigeration Maintenance Manager Weis Markets Email: jjennings@weismarkets.com



**Joseph** has been working in the supermarket refrigeration industry since 1980. He joined Weis Markets in November 2016 and leads Weis' involvement in the GreenChill Program.

## **Refrigerant Management Program**



- Founded in 1912
- Headquartered in Sunbury, Pennsylvania
- 198 stores in seven eastern states
- Joined GreenChill Partnership in 2008
- Initial leak rate 18.3%
- 2019 leak rate 7.2%
- Multi-faceted leak prevention and reduction efforts are focused on using high-quality equipment, training, supervision, and a technician incentive plan

# Leak Identification



- Provide best possible refrigerant leak detectors
- Immediate notification of refrigerant leak alarms through the Energy Management System
- Monthly review of 'Leak Rate' reports with supervisors and technicians
- Dedicate additional time leak checking stores with high leak rates

## **Refrigerant Management/Tracking**

- US. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCL GREEENCHILL TOLANCED REFRIGERATION PARTNERSHR
- Sphera's Refrigerant Compliance Management Software program maintained by in-house administrator
- Tracks all appliances containing refrigerant
  - Listed by store, manufacturer, model, serial, refrigerant type, and amount
- Data updated with any refrigerant additions daily
  - Technicians required to submit Service Order Input Form
  - Bi-weekly reports: uncompleted calls, excessive usage, current leak rate
- Monthly reports
  - Refrigerant usage reports
- Quarterly refrigerant audits all types of refrigerant stored at each supermarket

## Technician Refrigerant Incentive/ Bonus Program



- Annual bonus program started in 2012
- Rewards and recognizes the performance of the 24 technicians who maintain low emissions rates
- Encourages the lower-performing technicians to improve
- The plan rewards performance on various levels:
  - Below 10%
  - Below our GreenChill goal
  - Below our stretch goal
  - Most improved over the previous year
  - Larger dollar amounts for technicians with the lowest leak rates:  $4^{th} \rightarrow 1^{st}$  place
- The cash awards are additive. Technicians can earn multiple awards





**A GreenChill Platinum Store Certification** 



# Hillphoenix



#### **Scott Martin**

Director of Research, Industry Relations and Development Hillphoenix Email: <u>scott.martin@hillphoenix.com</u>



**Scott** is a third generation Refrigeration Engineer. Scott has held a wide variety of industry roles including Product Manager, Director of Engineering and Research & Development, and Director of Sustainable Technologies. At Hillphoenix, Scott is committed to providing product and technology answers that help retailers supply higher quality food products while advancing environmental stewardship.

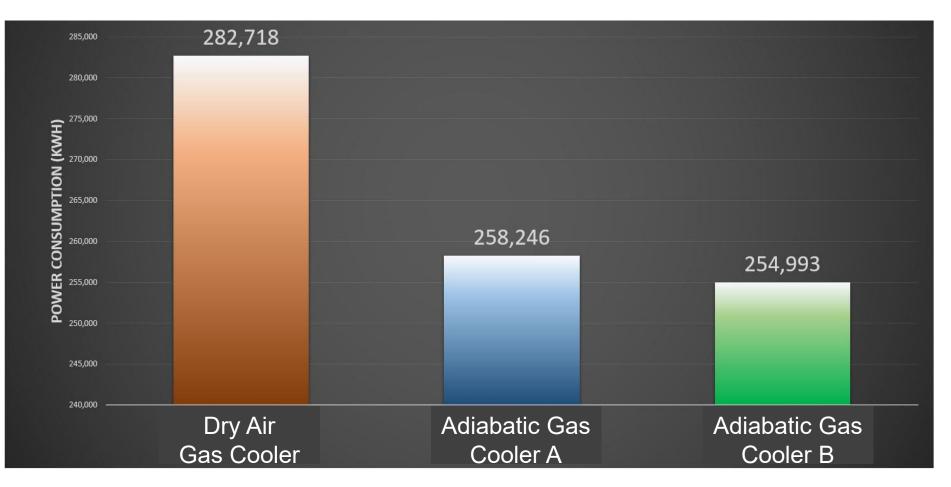
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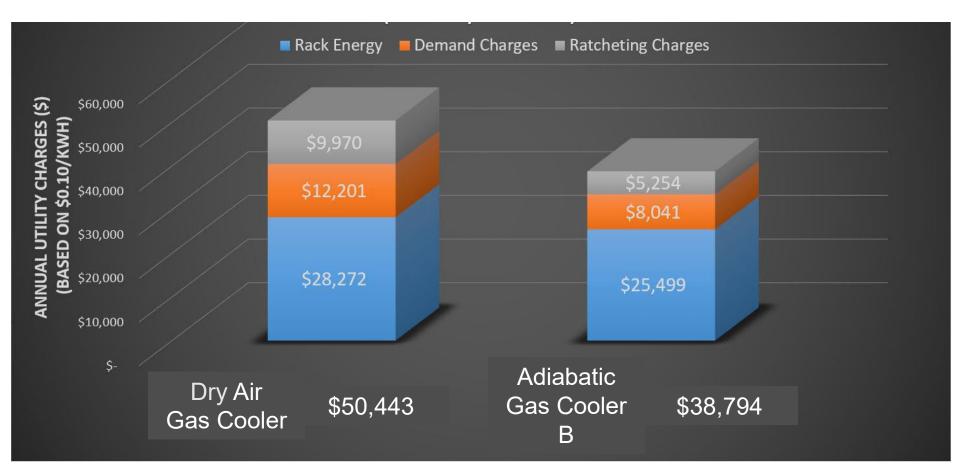
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### CO<sub>2</sub> Booster System Energy Analysis for a Georgia Site Annual Energy Cost

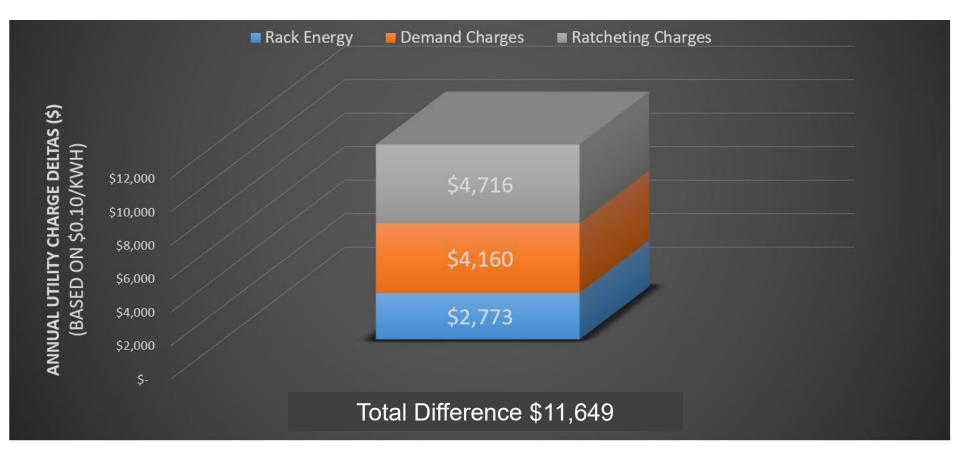




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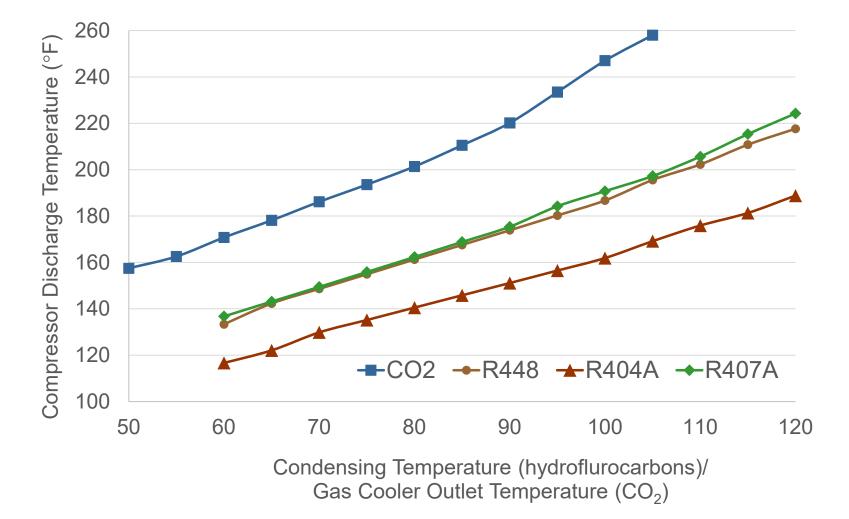
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## **Utilization of Compressor Discharge Gas for Store Heating**

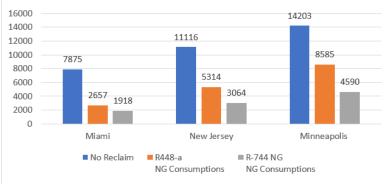




## Heat Reclaim Savings for Typical Supermarkets: R448 vs CO<sub>2</sub>



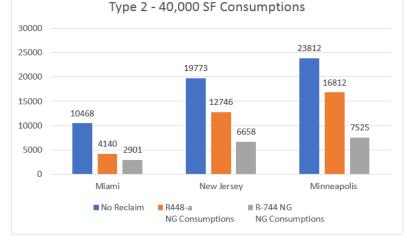
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Type 1 - 10,000 SF Consumptions (Therms)											
		R448-a		R-744 NG		Co2 vs 448					
	No Reclaim	NG Consumptions	Savings	NG Consumptions	Savings	Saving %					
Miami	7875	2657	5218	1918	5957	14%					
New Jersey	11116	5314	5802	3064	8052	39%					
Minneapolis	14203	8585	5618	4590	9613	71%					
				-		Co2 vs 448					
Energy Cost (\$)											
Miami @ \$1.11\$/therm	\$ 8,710	\$ 2,939	\$5,771	\$ 2,121	\$ 6,588	\$ 817					
New Jersey @ \$0.84\$/therm	\$ 9,337	\$ 4,464	\$4,874	\$ 2,574	\$ 6,764	\$ 1,890					
Minneapolis @ \$058\$/therm	\$ 8,181	\$ 4,945	\$3,236	\$ 2,644	\$ 5,537	\$ 2,301					

Type 2 - 40,000 SF Consumptions (Therms)									
		R448-a		R-744 NG		Co2 vs 448			
	No Reclaim	NG Consumptions	Savings	NG Consumptions	Savings	Saving%			
Miami	10468	4140	6328	2901	7567	20%			
New Jersey	19773	12746	7027	6658	13115	87%			
Minneapolis	23812	16812	7000	7525	16287	133%			
						Co2 vs 448			
		Saving \$							
Miami @ \$1.11\$/therm	\$ 11,578	\$ 4,579	\$ 6,999	\$ 3,209	\$ 8,369	\$ 1,370			
New Jersey @ \$0.84\$/therm	\$ 16,609	\$ 10,707	\$ 5,903	\$ 5,593	\$11,017	\$ 5,114			
Minneapolis @ \$058\$/therm	\$ 13,716	\$ 9,684	\$4,032	\$ 4,334	\$ 9,381	\$ 5,349			





SF: Square feet NG: Natural gas

Thank You

Delivering insight and comprehensive solutions that empower our customers to create unique food experiences.







# Looking Forward



We are looking for opportunities to expand GreenChill

- We welcome new Partners to the Partnership and new stores to the Store Certification Program
- If interested, contact us <u>GreenChill@epa.gov</u>

Reducing refrigerant emissions is good for the environment and good for business!

# **GreenChill Webinars**



#### Upcoming webinars

Date Webinar Topic

Oct 27 Defense Commissary Agency's Experience with Transcritical Carbon Dioxide

 Join our webinar invitation list or suggest topics for future webinars: <u>EPA-GreenChill@abtassoc.com</u>

# 2020 Ozone Layer Protection Milestones

Visit our microsite for highlights on the many achievements made possible because of Title VI of the Clean Air Act – Stratospheric Ozone Protection



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Throughout 2020 we will be highlighting the many achievements made possible because of the <u>Clean Air Act Title VI-</u> <u>Stratospheric Ozone</u> <u>Protection</u>.

From Discovery to Recovery: Follow our highlights for in-depth information on how we protect the stratospheric ozone layer.

#### Overview

Environmental Topics

2020 is a milestone year for <u>ozone layer protection</u> in the United States. In the thirty years since Congress amended the Clean Air Act (CAA) to add Title VI: Stratospheric Ozone Protection, EPA has worked with many partners to develop and implement flexible, innovative, and effective approaches to <u>phase out ozone-depleting substances (ODS)</u> and heal the ozone layer. By restoring the ozone layer, we reduce the risks of skin cancer and cataracts.

Ozone-depleting substances have been used in many household, industrial, and military applications. In response to significant concern for our ozone layer, through the <u>Montreal</u> <u>Protocol</u> and CAA Title VI, the United States has been substituting ODS with <u>safer</u> <u>alternatives</u>. At the same time, global demand for refrigeration and cooling technologies continues to expand. Most transitions to safer alternatives have been seamless for consumers who use these products in their daily lives.

Today, we see signs that the <u>ocrone layyer</u> is healing. For Americans, full implementation of the Montreal Protocol is expected to <u>result in the prevention of</u> no less than 280 million cases of skin cancer and at least 45 million cases of cataracts in the United States alone. This remarkable success is due to the important and cooperative achievements that continue to be made by people, programs, and organizations working together to protect the Earth's ozone layer.

Contact Us to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem

www.epa.gov/ozone-layer-protection-milestones-clean-air-act

# Acknowledgments



- Congratulations to each recognition recipient!
- Thank you to our GreenChill Partners and GreenChill Certified Stores – we value and appreciate your participation in and contribution to GreenChill!
- Thank you to our supporters all play a role through data reporting, store certifications, refrigerant management plans, webinar presentations, and input on GreenChill programs and resources.



# Thank you!









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