

Rheem Names Mike Barnes as Director of Residential National Accounts

Rheem Manufacturing Company senior vice president and chief operating officer Chris Peel today announced the promotion of Mike Barnes to director of residential national accounts. This new position reflects the company's drive to service the builder community, an audience critical to Rheem.

Barnes, who will report to Peel, will identify future trends in the building industry by working closely with builders, product development and the sales team. In his new role, Barnes reports directly to Peel and will continue to manage the national account specialist team that covers the new home construction market.

"Based on the 'one Rheem' vision, which is designed to leverage synergies among Heating & Cooling and Water Heating divisions, Mike will work to coordinate a collaborative effort to benefit both new and existing national accounts customers," said Peel. "Such a strategy will position Rheem to capitalize on new home construction growth as the market re-



Mike Barnes

Conditioning Contractors of America (AACCA), American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and is a Certified Indoor Environmentalist ■

Rapid Recovery Chosen for Refrigerant Abatement at Former Ford Plant in Hapeville, GA

Rapid Recovery, a refrigerant recovery company servicing the continental United States, recently completed the refrigerant abatement of a former Ford Assembly Plant located in Hapeville, Georgia.

The former site used for the assembly of the Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable was closed as part of a reorganization effort by Ford. The 122 acre site was sold to Jacoby Development Inc. The plant will be demolished and redeveloped.

Winter Environmental contacted Rapid Recovery to remove the refrigerant from close to 500 refrigerated appliances located throughout the facility.

Suspended above the plant floor on catwalks were hundreds of electrical panels con-

taining small self-contained air conditioning units. "It was quite a task to find all the individual units throughout the plant and then recover all the refrigerant from them" said Scott Dykstra with Rapid Recovery. In addition, the facility contained larger central air conditioning units, drinking fountains, window air conditioners and air dryers.

Each of these refrigerated appliances must have the refrigerant removed and documented by law. "Our customer is provided with all the necessary refrigerant documentation for the jobsite as well as our equipment and technician certifications" said Dykstra.

As part of their service, Rapid Recovery places stickers on each refrigerated appliance they recover. The required documentation is pro-

vided to their customer and entered into a database for future reference if necessary. Rapid Recovery offers refrigerant recovery and abatement nationwide through its franchise network. Their customer base includes refrigeration and air conditioning contractors, refrigeration wholesale distributors, demolition contractors, DOD, landfill administrators and in house service departments.

They provide on-site refrigerant recovery solutions, including job-site refrigerant recovery, recovery cylinder service, and refrigerant disposal and documentation services. Rapid Recovery can be contacted by phone toll free at 877-372-7732, by email at info@raprec.com or via their web site at www.raprec.com. ■

