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R-22 Prices Rise

Glendale, Ariz.: The price for R-22 has nearly doubled over the past 12 months. Several factors are involved with the sudden price increases, the two most important factors being the accelerated phase-out schedule and the lack of recovered R-22 coming back into the system.

The alarm for an impending shortage of R-22 after 2010 has

been sounded in the trade publications. The argument could be made that if recovery rates had been substantially higher over the past five years, the concern regarding a shortage would most likely not exist. It may also be that if 50 percent or more of R-22 is recovered yearly starting today, there may be no shortage.

It is up to contractors and facilities departments to ensure that all air conditioning units, as well as all other refrigerated appliances, get recovered. The more refrigerant in the market place via recovery and reclamation, the larger the supply of R-22. This should also keep R-22 affordable, unlike what happened with R-12.

One approach being utilized by

contractors and facility departments alike is outsourcing their refrigerant recovery. They contract with a company that specializes in recovering refrigerant. One such company is Rapid Recovery. With their corporate office located in Arizona, Rapid Recovery has completed work in over 30 states, including Alaska.

Companies like Rapid Recovery are now offering a credit for R-22 due to the rising cost of certified and packaged refrigerant to the contractor.

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Company. He will show the proper way to lay out a light commercial, residential zoning job, how to make it work and troubleshoot it as well. Location: Heating & Cooling Supply, 2350 Mulberry St., Riverside, Calif., (951) 682-7474.

Ferguson, Air Cold, Day & Night And Trane At The Races

Fontana, Calif.: It was not a standard hospitality event at the track when Air Cold Supply and Day & Night gave a few selected customers an all-access pass at race day. Day & Night customers were able to enjoy an afternoon in the pits and garage with JTG Daugherty Racing's #47 Clorox Ford, of the NASCAR Nationwide Series team.

The day included full access to

the garage and pit road as well as hanging out with the crew. The day was capped off by dinner with the team and watching their Day & Night sponsored car enjoy a successful night at the track.

Driver Kelly Bires started the race in 15th place, and stayed on the lead lap despite a dominating performance by Kyle Busch, making a comeback at the end with a lead lap to finish in 13th place. Kelly brought the car home in one piece, maintaining his pace for a Top-10 finish in the Nationwide Series Points.

In addition, more than 400 Ferguson customers, vendors and associates enjoyed their Labor Day weekend at the biggest party known to NASCAR—the Pepsi 500 Sprint Cup Series race, in Fontana, Calif. The race was held at the world famous two-mile,



Ed Meeting At CARSES Arrowhead Chapter

Riverside, Calif.: On October 14, 2008, there will be a class in

