



The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act

Sector Workshops

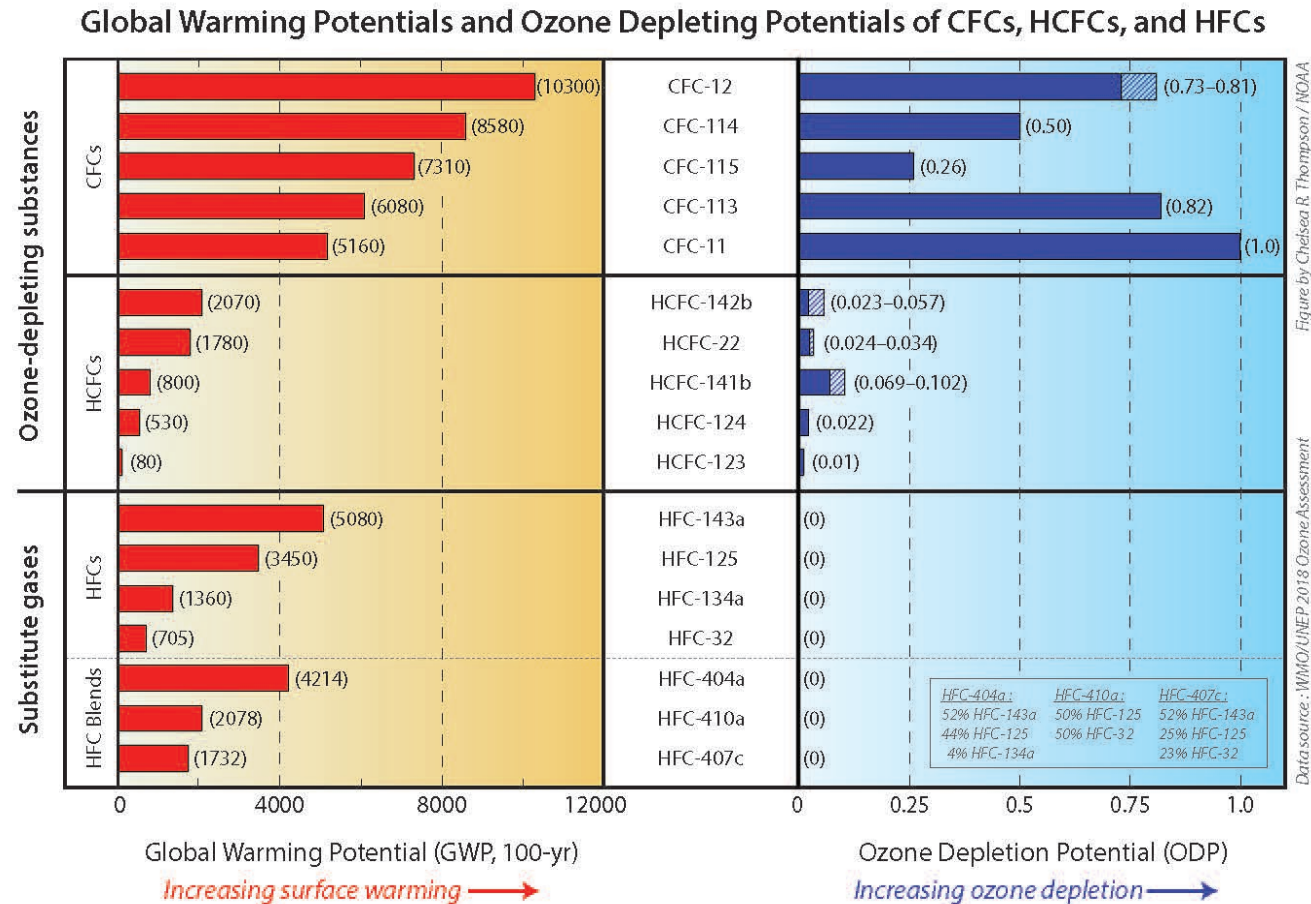
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Agenda

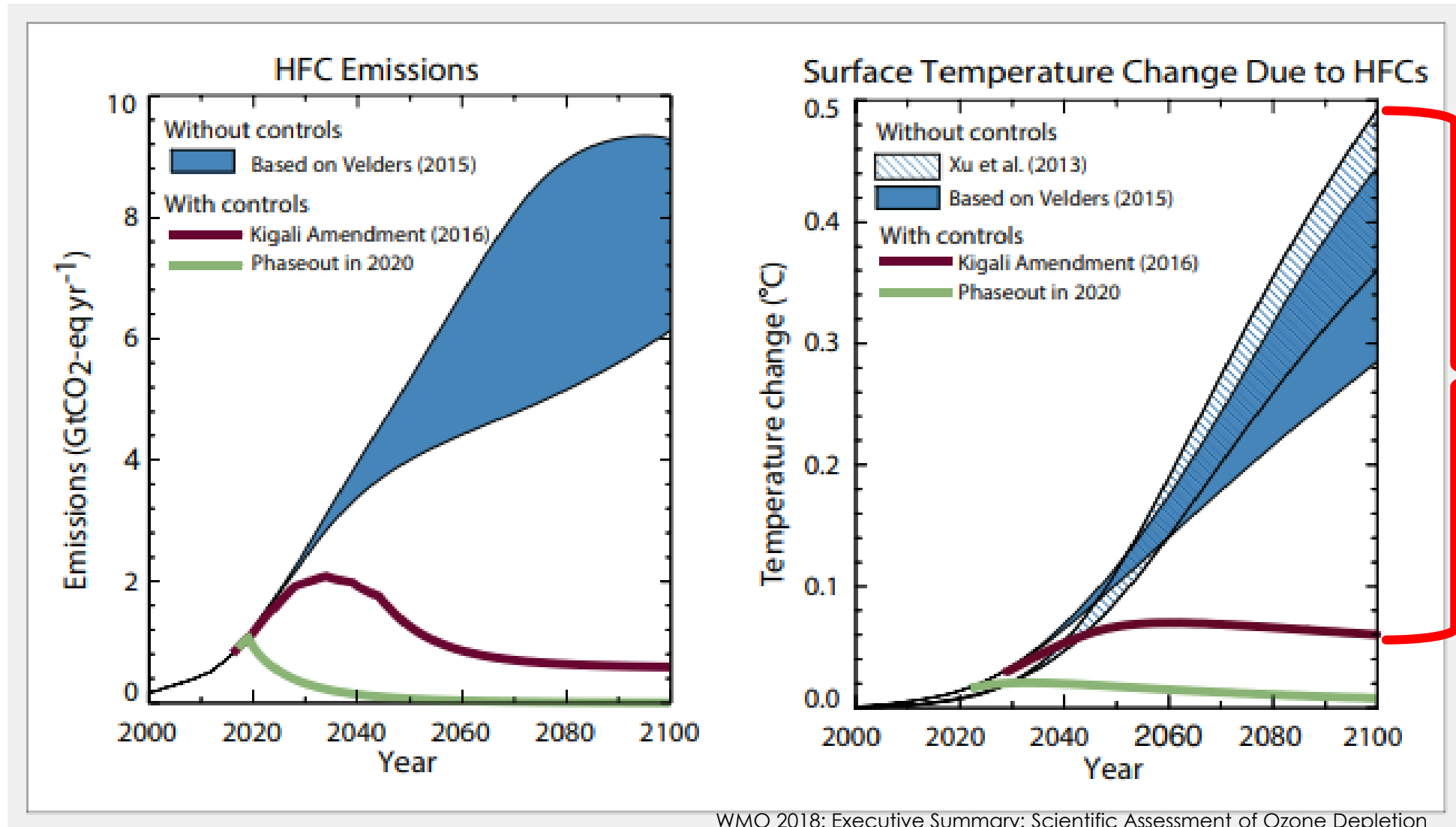
- ▶ Welcome & Introductions
- ▶ The AIM Act and First Actions
- ▶ HFC Application
- ▶ Open Dialogue
- ▶ Closing

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

- ▶ HFCs are used as replacements for ozone-depleting substances (ODS) in sectors including refrigeration, air conditioning, foam blowing, and fire suppression
- ▶ HFCs are potent greenhouse gases with global warming potentials (GWPs) hundreds to thousands of times higher than carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- ▶ HFC use is growing rapidly worldwide



A global HFC phasedown is expected to avoid up to 0.5°C of global warming by 2100



The American Innovation & Manufacturing (AIM) Act

- ▶ The AIM Act establishes three main types of regulatory programs:
 - ▶ Phase down HFC production and consumption
 - ▶ Facilitate transition to next-generation technologies
 - ▶ Management of HFCs
- ▶ Certain provisions are similar to provisions in CAA Title VI, but there are clear differences, including:
 - ▶ Includes a limited state pre-emption clause
 - ▶ Provides targeted small business technology grants

HFC Phasedown Schedule

- ▶ Important 2021 statutory deadlines:
 - ▶ 270 days after enactment EPA to issue phasedown regulations = **September 23**
 - ▶ Less than **200** days to go
 - ▶ **By October 1st** allocate allowances for 2022

Date	Caps: Consumption & Production
2022–2023	90 percent
2024–2028	60 percent
2029–2033	30 percent
2034–2035	20 percent
2036 & after	15 percent

HFC Phasedown Allocation Rulemaking

- ▶ Rule will stand up allocation program
- ▶ Provide the methodology for distributing allowances
- ▶ Account for application-specific allowances listed in the Act:
 - ▶ metered dose inhalers
 - ▶ defense sprays
 - ▶ structural composite preformed polyurethane foam for marine & trailer use
 - ▶ etching of semiconductor material or wafers & cleaning of chemical vapor deposition chambers
 - ▶ mission-critical military needs
 - ▶ onboard aerospace fire suppression

Next Generation Technologies

- ▶ EPA authorized to restrict use of HFCs on a sector or subsector basis to support transition to next-generation technologies
- ▶ EPA must consider using negotiated rulemakings
 - ▶ If not using negotiated rulemaking, EPA must publish explanation
- ▶ Specified timelines:
 - ▶ grant or deny petitions within 180 days
 - ▶ promulgate final rules within 2 years from granting a petition

Management of HFCs

- ▶ EPA will establish a program for maximizing reclamation and minimizing releases of HFCs and their substitutes from equipment, and ensuring safety of technicians and consumers
 - ▶ Establish regulations to control, where appropriate, practices, processes, or activities regarding the servicing, repair, disposal, or installation of equipment
 - ▶ Consider using authority to increase opportunities for reclaiming HFC refrigerants
- ▶ EPA may coordinate with any other similar regulations (e.g., CAA 608 regulations)
- ▶ Subject to appropriations, EPA shall establish a grant program for small businesses for purchase of recycling, recovery, or reclamation equipment for HFC substitutes (e.g., HFO-1234yf), including for servicing motor vehicle air conditioners

First Actions: Notice of Data Availability (NODA)

- ▶ NODA published 2/11/21; comment period closed 2/25/21
- ▶ Provided information on HFC production and consumption between 2011 and 2013 as reported to the GHGRP
- ▶ Identified potential data gaps and requested comments on areas of additional information
- ▶ Provided preliminary information on HFCs for some of the specific applications allowed under the AIM Act for allocations
- ▶ Data will inform the establishment of U.S. HFC baselines for production and consumption

First Actions: HFC Phasedown Allocation Rulemaking

- ▶ NPRM allocation rule
- ▶ Fast-tracked, planned signature late April/early May
 - ▶ Planning for a 45-day comment period
- ▶ Rule will stand up allocation program, list entities receiving allowances, and set up methodology for distributing allowances
 - ▶ Amounts of application-specific allocations to be issued
- ▶ EPA will issue a benefits-costs analysis and other technical support documents

Structural Composite Preformed Polyurethane Foam For Marine and Trailer Use

HFC Use

- ▶ Structural composite preformed polyurethane (PU) foam transitioned to HFC-134a as replacement for HCFCs
- ▶ In 2015, manufacturers began to evaluate alternative foam blowing agents for structural composite preform PU foams; according to the industry, no viable alternatives have yet been identified
- ▶ In 2020, industry estimates that 28 metric tons (MT) of HFC-134a blowing agent was used in the structural composite preformed foam market
- ▶ The use of HFC-134a blowing agent in structural composite preformed PU foam for marine and trailer use is expected to continue in the U.S. due to performance issues with alternatives
- ▶ By 2025, EPA estimates that, absent transition to alternatives, 28.3 MT of HFCs are projected to be in use for this sector
 - ▶ Reclaimed HFCs could offset need for newly produced/imported HFCs

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Questions for Discussion

- ▶ Is the estimated amount of HFCs for composite structural preformed PU foam reasonable? What has been the trend in the past (e.g., last five years)?
- ▶ What trends do you foresee in the future use of HFCs or alternatives for composite structural preformed PU foam (e.g., next five years)?
 - ▶ What growth rate do you anticipate generally for composite structural preformed PU foam in marine manufacturing? In trailer manufacturing? For composite structural preformed PU foam using HFCs?
- ▶ How do HFCs move through the supply chain from the producer or importer until they are incorporated into boats or trailers? Could reclaimed HFC-134a be used?
- ▶ What alternative blowing agents and alternative technologies do you see in the future for composite structural preformed PU foam? What challenges remain in finding and implementing alternatives?
- ▶ What relevant data is EPA seeking for this application?
- ▶ How can information be submitted to EPA?

Closing