

Fact Sheet

Proposed Rule: Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Excluding Road and Intermodal Container Transport Refrigeration Units from the Hydrofluorocarbon Leak Repair Requirements

Summary of Action

- On May 21, 2026, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed an exemption for all road and intermodal container transport refrigeration units (TRUs) from leak repair requirements established under subsection (h), Management of Regulated Substances, of the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act of 2020.
- This action proposes an exemption for road and intermodal container TRUs from the leak repair requirements at 40 CFR 84.106.
- The proposed exemption realigns the rule's requirements with the sector's actual risk profile.

Economic Impacts

- EPA estimates total cost savings to be \$1.5 billion over 25 years, if finalized.
- EPA estimates, if finalized, the changes will result in \$90 million per year of savings from unintended compliance costs, reflecting 360,000 appliances with per-unit costs of \$250 per year.

Background

- The 2024 Emissions Reduction and Reclamation (ER&R) rule established, among other provisions, leak repair requirements for appliances that contain at least 15 pounds of HFC refrigerants used to transport perishable goods incorrectly believing road and intermodal container TRUs used less than 15 pounds of HFC refrigerants.
- The Biden-Harris Administration made an error in its final 2024 ER&R rule, as most of these TRUs utilize slightly more than 15 pounds of refrigerant subjecting the transport refrigeration sector to these leak requirements.
 - These transport refrigeration appliances were swept into the leak requirements despite posing minimal risk to human health and the environment, making the regulatory burden disproportionate to the benefit.

How to Comment

- EPA will accept comments for 45 days after the proposal is published in the *Federal Register*.
- Comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2026-2905, may be submitted via one of the following methods:
 - Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and follow the online instructions for submitting a comment (our preferred method).
 - Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2026-2905 Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.
 - Hand/Courier Delivery: EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday (except federal holidays).

More Information

- For more information on this action, please visit our Web site: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-hfcs-reduction/managing-use-and-reuse-hfcs-and-substitutes>.
- This action and other background information are also available online at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Materials for this proposed action can be accessed using Docket ID No. **EPA-HQ-OAR-2026-2905**.