



**ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT  
PROFORMA**

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**INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:**

The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2009 specify the regulations with which operators must comply with regard to the management/use of F-Gases. Amongst other requirements the regulations specify that operators must prevent leakages of F-Gas, repair any leakages as soon as possible, undertake regular leak checks and operate a leakage detection system for systems of over 300kg F-Gas capacity.

Operators must also submit a notification to the Department if they accidentally or unintentionally emit F-Gas of greater than 1000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. The notification form used to report these losses is referred to as an Annex C form and is located at the back of the DECC F-Gas guidance notes.

**INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS:**

During recent inspections DECC has identified a number of non - compliances under The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2009. Operators will be aware that updated guidance related to the F-Gas regulations has been issued in July 2014:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/339633/Guidance\\_on\\_EU\\_F-Gas\\_Regulation\\_Update\\_-\\_July\\_2014\\_.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/339633/Guidance_on_EU_F-Gas_Regulation_Update_-_July_2014_.pdf)

Operators are advised that an assessment of compliance with the aforementioned regulations shall form part of future inspections. Any non - compliances with the regulations identified either during inspection or by operator self-reporting shall result in action being taken in accordance with the DECC Enforcement Policy.

**Further Information**

Any queries relating to this alert should be addressed to:

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