



ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT	
ALERT NUMBER: 001/2019	ISSUE DATE: 13 May 2019
INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS: The EU is cutting the availability of HFC's by 79% between 2015 and 2030. OPRED would like to make Operators aware of the following ban which will be imposed from 1 January 2020 .	
INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS: The use of F gas with a global warming potential of 2,500 or more to service or maintain refrigeration equipment, with a charge size of 40 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent or more, shall be prohibited except, until 1 January 2030, where; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The F gas is reclaimed and is labelled accordingly;• Reclaimed F gas is being used for the maintenance or servicing of existing refrigeration equipment (provided it has been recovered from such equipment). Such recycled F gas may only be used by the service company which carried out its recovery as part of maintenance and servicing, or the operator for which the recovery was carried out as part of maintenance and servicing. <p>The above ban will not apply to fire protection systems or air conditioning and heat pump systems.</p> <p>Furthermore, from 1 January 2020, Extruded polystyrene (XPS) foam equipment that contain HFC's with a global warming potential of 150 or more are banned except where required to meet national safety standards.</p>	
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