Suggested Topics for Feedback

Ecology is interested in all suggestions and feedback about the “optimal design” of an HFC end-of-life management program. We especially encourage comments that address the following questions:

1. What role could/should refrigerant manufacturers play in EOL management of refrigerants?
2. What role could/should manufacturers of refrigerant-containing appliances play in EOL management?
3. What role could/should distributors/importers/retailers of refrigerant play in EOL management?
4. What role could/should distributors/importers/retailers of refrigerant containing appliances play in EOL management?
5. What role could/should refrigerant technicians play in EOL management?
6. What role could/should consumers play in EOL management?
7. Who incurs costs in EOL refrigerant management? Who should pay those costs?
8. What incentives are needed to ensure proper management by consumers, technicians, and local solid waste programs?
9. Should incentives be provided for switching to a safer alternative?
10. Where should the money for incentives come from?
11. What would be important to your organization to see in an EOL management program?
12. Should the scope of an EOL management program be limited? If so, to certain appliances or systems? To the refrigerant itself only or to the appliances/systems that contain them? To consumers appliances only?
13. What metrics should be used to measure the success of the program?
14. Should the EOL management program have required annual reporting? What should it include?
15. Should targets or goals be set? Should goals be based on how much refrigerant is captured? How many appliances are handled? Both? Something else?
16. Should reclamation and reuse of refrigerants be prioritized or should they be disposed of and replaced with safer alternatives?
17. Who should administer/oversee an EOL management program? An NGO? The state? Someone else?
18. What education and outreach is needed? To whom? Covering what? Who should have primary responsibility for E&O?
19. Should the EOL management system/standards be enforceable or completely voluntary? How would an even-playing field be ensured?
20. Are you aware of successful programs we should examine?