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Manufacturers Implement Mercury Thermostat Recycling Program in California
Thermostat Recycling Corporation to Provide Collection Containers at No Cost to Local Government Hazardous Waste Collection Programs in California

June 18, 2009—The Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) is now accepting orders for mercury-switch thermostat collection containers from local governments in California for use at household hazardous waste collection facilities or household hazardous waste events. The containers are provided at **no cost** to California local government agencies.

A container will hold approximately 100 waste mercury-switch thermostats and is to be used exclusively for mercury-switch thermostats. Each container includes a 4 mil plastic liner, prepaid shipping label, and instructions for preparing the container for shipping. Additionally, TRC is providing a “cling sticker” with each new order to help promote collection. Once a container is filled, all the collection location needs to do is ship the container to TRC. In approximately 10 days the container will be returned to the location restarting the process.

To order a collection container, local governments can down-load a participation form off TRC’s website at www.thermostat-recycle.org.

The TRC is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1997 by thermostat manufacturers to collect and properly dispose of mercury-switch thermostats removed from service. TRC provides HVAC contractors and consumers a no-cost solution for properly disposing mercury-switch thermostats. Nationally, TRC has more than 3,000 collection containers in 48 states.

TRC currently represents nearly 30 manufacturers that branded and distributed mercury-switch thermostats in the United States.

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