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TO: MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: MINNESOTA HFC REPORTING REQUIREMENT

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A bill was signed into law in Minnesota on May 12 that requires reporting by producers and users of HFCs, PFCs, and SF6. The law creates a coordinated process to set greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. It also established a reporting process, beginning on October 1, 2008, requiring that a manufacturer of HFC, PFC, or SF6 report the total amount of each gas sold to purchasers in the State. Beginning October 1, 2008 and each year thereafter, a person in the State who purchases 500 metric tons or more carbon dioxide equivalent of an HFC, PFC, or SF6 must report the amount and the purpose for which the gas was used. For reference, 500 metric tons CO2 equivalent of HFC-227ea is equal to about 380 pounds. It is not clear if the reporting requirement is just for bulk shipments or if someone purchasing a fire protection system would have to report. We will try to provide more information at the next meeting in September.

The law is attached. The HFC reporting provisions are on page 18.