

Notifying of a Discharge of a Controlled Extinguishing Agent



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Heritage

Supporting licensing under the provisions of the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995*

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In December 2003 the Federal Parliament amended the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989* (the Act). The amendment extended the scope of legislation to:

- incorporate import and export controls on synthetic greenhouse gases (SGG) used as replacement for ozone depleting substances used in "Montreal Protocol Industries" (Refrigeration and Air-conditioning, Fire, Solvents, Foam, Aerosols etc);
- implement emission minimization policies including nationally consistent end use controls on purchase, sale, handling and disposal of synthetic greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances (SGG and ODS) and the licensing of people working with these substances.

Section 45B of the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989* prohibits the discharge of listed ODS and SGG fire extinguishing agents, where it is likely that the extinguishing agent will enter the atmosphere, unless the discharge is in accordance with the regulations.

This Fact Sheet outlines the procedures to follow in regard to notifying the Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board of the discharge of extinguishing agents covered by the Act for which prior permission for

such discharge has not been granted. In order to correctly notify the Board of the discharge of ODS and SGG fire extinguishing agents listed in the Act the information as follows must be provided:

I [name] _____ of
 [address] _____

hereby notify the Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board of the discharge of ODS and SGG fire extinguishing agents as follows:

Date of Discharge of Extinguishing Agent:

Location where discharge occurred:

Type of Extinguishing Agent Discharged:

Amount (by weight) of Extinguishing Agent Discharged:

Reason(s) why discharge occurred:

Personnel involved in discharge:

Actions taken to prevent future such discharge:

Any other relevant information:

Add supporting statements/evidence to support your notification as necessary.

Statement by Person Making this Notification

I believe that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

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