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“F-Gas - the Bigger Picture”

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The Bigger Picture

- **Why we can't afford to ignore it**
- **Opportunities for contractors**
- **Environmental benefits**
- **Where to get help**

How we got here

- **Part of a Global climate change strategy**
- **Kyoto, Montreal and Rio**
- **Copenhagen 2009?**
- **UK legislative framework in place**

What have we got

- **Improved competency requirements**
- **Business registration requirements**
- **Stricter refrigerant recovery controls**
- **Bans on disposable containers**
- **Leakage reduction opportunities**
- **Efficiency opportunities**

Does it go far enough?

- **Will certification improve standards?**
 - **For companies**
 - **For individuals**
- **Will end users comply?**
- **How will the benefits be measured?**



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**We have to make F Gas Regulations
a success because....**

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What's coming next?

- **Summer/Autumn 2009 - EU ODS Regulation recast (definitions of recycled and recovered refrigerant)**
- **December 2009 - Copenhagen negotiations on global climate strategy – will controls on F gas use be introduced?**
- **F Gas new qualifications mandatory by July 2011**
- **2011 EU Review of the F Gas Regulation impact**
- **Tighter controls on F gas installations?**

Who is can help make this work?

- Training providers – see www.acrib.org.uk CITB or City & Guilds
- F Gas Support – www.defra.gov.uk/fgas
- Refcom – www.refcom.org.uk
- HVCA is part of ACRIB providing regular input to DEFRA through stakeholder groups





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