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Arkema Inc. to give presentations at ASHRAE's Summer Technical Conference

With the growing need for low GWP, non-flammable refrigerants options, the face of the fluorinated industry is constantly changing. Arkema, the maker of Forane® refrigerants, is actively moving toward the future and will give two presentations, the first on new, lower GWP alternatives and second on retrofitting strategies for R-22 systems, at the upcoming ASHRAE Summer Technical Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Arkema Inc. Fluorochemicals Scientist Sarah Kim will present ***Challenges in Retrofitting R-404A with Lower GWP Refrigerants***, which will discuss GWP alternatives for R-404A in commercial refrigeration. Although R-404A became the refrigerant of choice following a shift away from HCFCs, there is now an industry-wide interest for R-404A replacements, due to its high GWP and recent proposed changes in regulations, such as the EU F-Gas Regulations and EPA SNAP. Beyond suitable replacement refrigerants, there is a need to understand how these new refrigerants will behave in existing systems. This seminar presents experimental results for new, lower GWP refrigerant alternatives and discusses how characteristics, such as temperature glide, may be managed. This seminar (#37) will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 8:00am – 9:30am in Grand Ballroom C, Atlanta Hilton.

Arkema Inc.'s Brett Van Horn, Ph.D., Market Manager for HVAC, will present ***R-22 and R404A Servicing Options: Service, Retrofit, or Replace***, which will focus on the question of whether to retrofit as it pertains to life-cycle strategies for systems with R-22 and high GWP refrigerants. The approaching deadline for discontinuing R-22 production creates anxiety among end-users of refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment about relevant actions they need to take. This seminar will introduce the most recent information on R-22 and other high-GWP alternatives and will clarify that as long as the refrigerant in the system or unit doesn't leak, it can be there for the life of the equipment, and the decision on refrigerant retrofit or a new system has to be based on further analysis. This seminar (#63) will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 11:00am – 12:30pm in Grand Ballroom C, Atlanta Hilton.

About Arkema

Arkema Inc. (Americas and Canada) is headquartered in King of Prussia, PA and includes 28 manufacturing and distribution sites and three R&D centers. The company has five sites in Pennsylvania.

A global chemical company and France's leading chemicals producer, Arkema is building the future of the chemical industry every day. Deploying a responsible, innovation-based approach, we produce state-of-the-art specialty chemicals that provide customers with practical solutions to such challenges as climate change, access to drinking water, the future of energy, fossil fuel preservation and the need for lighter materials. With operations in close to 50 countries, some 19,000 employees and research centers in North America, France and Asia, Arkema generates pro forma annual revenue of some €7.5 billion (\$9.5 billion), and holds leadership positions in all its markets with a portfolio of internationally recognized brands.

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