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**Representatives of ODS Destruction  
Facilities, Halon Decommissioning  
Service Providers, Refrigeration/AC  
Demufacturing Facilities, and  
Relevant Industry Associations**

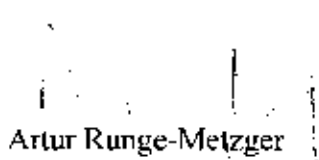
**RE: Study on Best Available Techniques and Best environmental Practices**

The European Commission DG Environment is conducting a study on best available technologies and best environmental practices concerning the prevention and minimisation of leakages and emissions of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) in connection with recovery, recycling, reclamation and destruction (Article 17 (5) of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000). Your cooperation and input is therefore being sought in order to provide information related to in-use technologies and practices associated with recovery, recycling, reclamation and/or destruction of ODS in the European Community.

Our consultant, ICF Consulting Ltd (ICF), is authorised under contract ENV.C2/ETU/2004/0012r to collect information from companies in Member States (EU-25), and analyse and assess available information submitted by Member States (EU-15) on recovery, recycling, reclamation and destruction of ODS. On the basis of information derived from the new questionnaires developed by ICF, in addition to existing technical or other information, ICF will be in a position to make recommendations to the European Commission on best available technologies and best environmental practices concerning the prevention and minimisation of leakages and emissions of ODS in connection with recovery, recycling, reclamation and destruction. Therefore, your response to the attached questionnaire is critical to the success of this study.

Because of data sensitivity, all information received will be treated as confidential. As such, no company or facility will be specifically mentioned by name in the report.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

  
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