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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Administrator reserves the right to revoke approval. The Administrator also reserves the right to specify the need for technician recertification at some future date, if necessary.

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In order to remain an EPA-approved certification program, ESCO must submit an activity report in accordance with the requirements detailed in 40 CFR 82, Appendix D to Subpart F. Programs may need to revise certification procedures should there be any revisions to EPA's requirements promulgated under Section 608 of the Act. Testing material may need to be updated within 30 days of the publication of such revisions in Federal Register. EPA may periodically update the test bank. After such updates occur, programs must create new randomly-selected tests.

ESCO should provide the EPA with a written report detailing any technical revisions to the program. This report will accompany the first subsequent activity report that ESCO submits to EPA. In addition, ESCO should inform EPA promptly of any changes in its program administration such as a change of address.

EPA will maintain a list of approved technician training and certification programs for the benefit of the public. The following information about the ESCO program will be included on this list:

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your completed application for approval as a technician certification program under Section 608 of the Clean Air Act (the Act).

The ESCO Institute (ESCO) certification program will provide a closed-book, proctored exam for technicians that covers all of the material specified in 40 CFR Part 82 Subpart F. Tests will consist of prescribed numbers of questions drawn from EPA's test bank. ESCO will provide the certification test at various locations. After the technicians complete the tests, proctors will send the tests to ESCO where the tests are graded. ESCO reports the test results to the technician and issues a wallet-sized identification card to each technician who receives a passing score of 70 percent or higher on the exam. Records of certified technicians and test results will be maintained at ESCO's location in Mount Prospect, Illinois.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 82.161(c) Subpart F, the EPA hereby approves ESCO's technician certification program effective 15 days after the date of this approval letter. This approval is limited to technician certification for proper refrigerant recovery and recycling, and meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 82 Subpart F and Appendix D to Subpart F. The reasons for EPA's approval are described herein, as well as in the attached Background Document.

Individuals certified by ESCO's program will be considered properly certified in accordance with the requirements promulgated under Section 608 of the Act, provided they are tested in the manner specified in the attached Background Document.

If at any time an approved program is conducted in a manner not consistent with the representations made in the application for approval of the program under Section 608, the



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This approval does not address the status of technicians that participated in any voluntary certification program sponsored by ESCO.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Newberg of the Stratospheric Protection Division at (202) 233-9729.

Sincerely,

Steve Seidel, Acting Director
Stratospheric Protection Division

Enclosures