

# THE SCOOP

## Updates to Final EPA Ruling



### ***Must-Know Updates to EPA's Final Ruling PLUS New R-454B Launch Landing Page***

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#### **Get the Scoop! R-454B Updates and Highlights from Matt Vargo**

What's up with latest Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rulings and what do they mean? Matt Vargo has some answers, thanks to the final ruling updates released just before the new year.

**A brief reminder.** Last October, an initial “final” R-454B ruling was released. According to Strategic Product Marketing Manager Matt Vargo, “It was a little different than what we were expecting,” referring to how the overall product line had been divided into two buckets – packaged (rooftop and small package) and splits (residential, ductless and light commercial). “The difference between the two buckets is where the refrigerant circuit is assembled and braised and the overall charge is applied. This occurs at the factory for packaged products, or in the field for splits.” Additionally, Matt was surprised that the splits category would include VRF units.



The changes in the “final” ruling were also confusing, particularly with the differences in the installation and inventory sell-through date between packaged and split systems. It appeared that no past inventory of R-410A units could be sold and installed after January 1, 2025, or as Matt says, “... a zero sell-through.”

Seeking further clarification, ICP and Carrier worked with other industry partners and petitioned the EPA regarding the installation and inventory sell-through requirements for split systems.

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**Where we are now.** As a result of the petition, the EPA provided new information in an update to their “final” ruling, which was released on December 26, 2023. Matt Vargo shared the scoop in this must-see [EPA Ruling Update Webinar](#), including:

- The last date of manufacture or import of R-410A units is December 31, 2024, and goes into effect for all split systems and packaged products.
- For R-410A units in inventory after January 1, 2025, packaged products have a three-year sell-through, and split systems have a one-year sell-through.
- From a service standpoint, all equipment parts (units) are considered as individual components and can be replaced indefinitely.\* (The actual full unit itself can be considered a service part because it's part of the system.)
- Existing R-410A equipment can be serviced indefinitely.\*

\* New R-410A air conditioners and heat pumps will not be allowed for service in the state of California or Washington.

**What's to come?** “For the ‘service indefinitely’ portion of the EPA rule, the industry petition is progressing, and there will be more information to come regarding timing and other paths,” says Matt, “There is potential for more change moving forward.”

To learn more, watch the [EPA Ruling Update Webinar](#), which includes specific information for California, a complete list of transition rule changes and impact chart, specific product deadlines and transitions, and more information from Product Managers. And to stay up-to-date on new developments, keep your eye on the [Reality Check Video series](#) available on the My Learning Center website - [mlctraining.com](http://mlctraining.com).

## New Launch Landing Page

This is your one-stop shop for all the information you need regarding R-454B, and how it pertains to individual product lines. It will be updated on a regular basis and is available on [HVACPartners.com](http://HVACPartners.com) under the *Marketing* tab. Click on *Sales Tools*, and then *Marketing Launch Kits*. Here's what you'll find:

- Launch Kits
- Videos
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Title	Catalog Number
Amprool R-454B Launch Kit	AP-010-AQ-00
Amprool R-454B Launch Kit - SMR001	AP-010-AQ-00-SP
Anscole R-454B Launch Kit	AP-010-AK-00
Anscole R-454B Launch Kit - SMR001	AP-010-AK-00-SP
Conforimaker R-454B Launch Kit	AP-010-CH-00
Conforimaker R-454B Launch Kit - SMR001	AP-010-CH-00-SP

## QR Code

A handy QR code link is coming, which will link to a landing page featuring even more R-454B information and be easily accessible in the field, with:

- Presentation Videos
- Unit Identification
- Nomenclature Guides
- R-454B vs. R-410A Systems
- Wiring Instructions (Dissipation System)
- FAQs