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PRESS RELEASE

US AIR CONDITIONING RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION FOR MERCURY THERMOSTAT TAKE-BACK INCENTIVE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – City of Industry, California – US Air Conditioning is one [of seven California companies that received Honorable Mention recognition](#) by the California Product Stewardship Council during the organization’s inaugural [Arrow Awards](#) ceremony held at the Sacramento Convention Center.

US Air Conditioning, located in the City of Industry, received an Honorable Mention in the [Infinity Arrow Award](#) category for Service and Take-Back. Applicants in the Infinity Arrow Award category must demonstrate that they have developed an outstanding “take-back” program for one or more products that the company manufactures.

U.S. Air Conditioning voluntarily developed a “cash for clunkers” stewardship program for collecting and recycling out-of-service mercury thermostats. Although California now has a mercury thermostat recycling law, US Air Conditioning created an added incentive for contractors and do-it-yourselfers to recycle old mercury thermostats by offering a discount on the purchase of a new thermostat when the old one is returned to the company for recycling. US Air Conditioning works collaboratively with the Thermostat Recycling Corporation to recycle the thermostats that have been collected, ensuring safe handling of the elemental mercury contained in these devices.

Because of these efforts, US Air Conditioning has recycled more than 12.5 pounds of mercury – nearly twenty-five percent of all mercury recycled in California since the new law went into effect. That might not sound like much, but a single gram of mercury can contaminate a twenty acre lake. US Air Conditioning is the World’s largest privately owned HVAC distributor.

“This awards program was designed to recognize the businesses that are integrating product stewardship into their operations and creating green jobs in California,” said Heidi Sanborn, CPSC Executive Director. “We are pleased to spotlight US Air Conditioning’s contribution to removing a very toxic metal from our waste stream.”

CPSC - The California Product Stewardship Council educates both the public and private sectors about Product Stewardship and closely partners with business, jurisdictions, waste and recycling companies, manufacturers and others to promote and encourage sustainable practices and to recognize those companies who are taking a leadership role in participating in waste reduction. For further information please visit www.calpsc.org



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Figure 1: Jeff Small, General Sales Manager, US Air Conditioning