

R.E. Michel Leads TRC's Banish Mercury Off the Planet Contest

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- R.E. Michel leads Thermostat Recycling Corp.'s ([TRC](#)) Banish Mercury Off the Planet (BMOP) contest after almost three months of the competition. In second place is Johnstone Supply, followed by Refrigeration Sales Corp.



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The collections from the front-runner wholesalers include:

Top 3 Wholesalers | Pounds of Mercury

R. E. Michel Co. | 24.1

Johnstone Supply | 20.0

Refrigeration Sales | 6.3

TRC reports that 96.2 pounds of mercury, including 8,954 mercury-containing thermostats, have been recycled from 44 wholesalers and over 150 branches through July in the BMOP contest, which began May 1 and ends Oct. 31.

The contest recognizes members of Heating Air-Conditioning Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) that collect the most mercury-containing thermostats. During HARDI's annual conference, TRC publicly acknowledges the top three recyclers in various categories. The conference is in Phoenix this year, from Dec. 2 to 5.

HARDI is the largest and most successful trade association representing HVACR distributors in

the United States.

"We are pleased to see the continued participation of so many wholesalers during this initial part of the contest," Myers said. "Still, we shouldn't forget that the competition is ongoing until Oct. 31. I hope this notice spurs the competitive instincts of our partners to enter or add to their results before the contest deadline. The motivation of a safe environment for all should be an earnest motivator for all."

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About Thermostat Recycling Corporation

Thermostat Recycling Corp., founded in 1998, is an industry-funded nonprofit corporation supported by 28 manufacturers that historically branded and sold mercury thermostats in the United States. TRC maintains a network of more than 3,600 collection sites nationwide and has recovered more than 2.9 million thermostats containing 13 tons of mercury since its inception. TRC assumes all costs to transport and properly dispose of mercury switch thermostats recovered from service. To learn more about TRC, visit www.thermostat-recycle.org.

A professional headshot of Danielle Myers, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark-colored top. The background is a neutral, light brown color.

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