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Dear Miranda,

RE: HFC POLICY

I am writing to inquire about Wal-Mart's HFC policy and plans to enact the HFC policy agreed last year by the Consumer Goods Forum whereby all new stores built by CGF members starting in 2015 will use only HFC free refrigeration.

The Environmental Investigation Agency has been working to achieve a phase out of HFC's through the Montreal Protocol for some years. Earlier this year I was invited to speak at the June 2011 Barcelona Summit of the CGF and urged its members to accelerate plans to convert to HFC free technologies well before the 2015 deadline. I also participated in the September 28th meeting of the CGF's Sustainable Refrigeration Committee meeting in Atlanta which discussed practical issues related to implementing the CGF HFC commitment as well as other issues including quantifying emissions from leakage.

EIA co-operates with Greenpeace and we have also been working with other CGF members such as AEON of Japan to promote HFC free technologies . We are committed to constructive cooperation with CGF members to facilitate conversions to HFC free technologies. I am aware from press reports in recent years that Wal-Mart has already built a variety of new stores using HFC technologies which is a very welcome development.

I have a number of queries that I hope you will be able to answer as EIA is seeking to constructively promote efforts by CGF members to meet and hopefully surpass the 2015 commitment.

1. Will Wal-Mart enact the Consumer Goods Forum HFC policy starting in 2015 throughout its entire corporate family, including all subsidiary companies in the US and worldwide?

2. How many stores (in percentage terms of total new builds) will Wal-Mart build in 2012, 2013 and 2014 using only HFC free refrigeration technologies?

3. Does Wal-Mart have a plan to significantly reduce emissions of HFCs and HCFCs from refrigeration technologies currently deployed in existing stores?

4. If yes, how many existing stores will be retrofitted to significantly reduce HFC and HCFC emissions between now and 2015?

5. How many existing stores will be converted to use only HFC free technologies between now and 2015?

Thank you for your time in replying.

Sincerely,



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