
MIACCA March 2019 Newsletter

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Message from President

Bill Krestakos

Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update



Midstream HVAC rebate programs are still far from ready

The recent Energy Waste Reduction collaborative meeting in Lansing was met with a rather large turnout. Presentations were given on existing midstream HVAC rebate programs and proposed programs by representatives of utilities and implementation contractors.

With a midstream program, a customer purchases equipment for example, and a contractor distributor give the discount to the contractor who passes the discount to homeowner and the distributor is reimbursed by utility. The problem with the distributor rebate is that it places an undue burden on the distributor and will take away from the integrity of the rebate program as opposed to contractor doing as it has been done for 10 years. With a midstream program, there is not much of a way to guarantee that the customer will get his/her rebate unlike the current system where the customer gets a check after submitting his/her rebate.

Basically, instead of the contractor processing a rebate, the distributor processes the rebate which can take away from the integrity of the program without ensuring that homeowner gets the rebate.



The CSD-1 training course was a great success. As we provide more dates, we encourage everyone to attend and earn your certification if you haven't already.

Something that often goes unnoticed in our industry is the lack of women in the HVAC industry.

MIACCA would like to encourage women in our workforce and we think it is very important that we encourage women to discover a career in HVAC. If you know a young lady who is interested in a career change, we invite you to encourage her to look into HVAC.

MIACCA is a wonderful resource for information as to how to get started for anyone and we show this with our work force development, presentations and training.

MIACCA and others were on hand to communicate the specific concerns of contractors and distributors of having the wholesaler process the rebate; which generated good questions and significant discussion.

Throughout the formal presentations, multiple concerns about midstream HVAC programs were acknowledged including the potential for over-sizing and poor equipment installation, the rebate not getting to the home owner, delayed reimbursement to the distributor and shifting admin burden to the distributor among other topics.

It seem that utilities, implementation contractors, and others were all on the same page that midstream HVAC programs are far from ready to roll out at a large scale. To be clear, the utilities are still interested in trying to find a way to make these work. But the door is open for much more discussion with all partners first.

MIACCA will continue to actively follow these sessions and report back as more information is made available.

Help protect end-users by using MIACCA's RAP Program

As you may already know, MIACCA has instituted a program Report All Permits (RAP) for helping ensure a mechanical permit is obtained when necessary. To date, we have been able to follow up on several of these reports but we still need your assistance in being more effective in helping the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) ensure there is a mechanical permit.

What are permits for? A permit helps ensure a safe and proper installation is done in accordance with the minimum standards set forth in the applicable Michigan code. When a permit is issued by the AHJ, an inspector registered with the State of Michigan will come out and inspect the installation to see if it meets the applicable code requirements.

Are mechanical permits required? Yes, Michigan law and rules requires mechanical permits, except for replacement of

Check our calendar of events to stay abreast of upcoming events and training courses. If there is a course you do not see and would like us to offer, don't hesitate to contact us.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



Optimal locations for electric vehicle fast chargers identified in study

The ideal locations and number of fast-charging electric vehicle chargers along well-traveled Michigan highways were announced today in the first phase of a study funded by the Michigan Energy Office. The study focuses on minimizing investment and implementation costs and user delay, while ensuring the feasibility of statewide EV travel. [Read More](#)

minor parts, and mechanical work shall not be started until a permit for such work has been issued by AHJ. Even homeowners must obtain a mechanical permit.

What is the RAP program? This is a MIACCA program designed to help AHJ make sure proper mechanical permits are obtained so the safety inspections can be done. MIACCA has a RAP form on its website and once completed sufficiently the information will be automatically forwarded to the AHJ by MIACCA without identifying who brought this to MIACCA's attention. All identities held in strict confidence.

So if you suspect that work is being done without the proper permit being pulled, please complete the following. (please fill out as much as possible to expedite processing) Here is a link to our RAP Program Reporting form: [Click Here](#)

Meet LARA's new Director: Orlene Hawks



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has appointed Orlene Hawks as the director for the Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). Prior to joining LARA, she led the state's Operation Excellence project dealing with Dept. of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Child Protective Services (CPS) investigations.

Hawks previously served five years as the director of the Office of Children's Ombudsman (OCO.) Before joining the OCO, she managed the Quality and Program Services section in the Dept. of Community Health. She also managed the Child, Adolescent and Family Health Services section, directed the Office of Statutory and Legislative Compliance and served as Legislative Liaison for DHHS. Hawks earned her bachelor's degree in Multidisciplinary Social Science with a Business Emphasis from Michigan State University.

2015 Michigan Code Advisory Meeting Chapters 1 & 2

On February 1, 2019 MIACCA attended the 2015 Michigan Residential Code Rules Chapters 1 & 2 Meeting. The meeting was led by Attorney Tony Snyder and John Paradine of the Building Permits division for input on the Construction Code Commission's revisions.



ACCA's Welcomes Lytx as Official Driver Safety Partner

The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) announces that Lytx®, a leader in [video telematics](#), analytics, safety and productivity solutions for commercial and public sector fleets, has joined ACCA's corporate sponsor program and is recognized as ACCA's Official Driver Safety Partner.

ACCA's corporate membership program enables HVACR industry suppliers and manufacturers to demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to ACCA members and the contracting industry through year-round support of the association's activities. The corporate membership program also provides manufacturers and suppliers with increased access to ACCA's nationwide network of contractors through tailored communications and marketing campaigns throughout the year.

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Product Spotlight

MIACCA had submitted some proposed changes that were declined due to already being sited in the Act. The input on the take away from today's meeting will result in another draft that will have a public meeting TBD. For full meeting notes, [Click Here](#). MIACCA will keep you posted when a date has been set.

Code of Conduct Rule 9 Collaborative Meeting

MIACCA will be attending the Code of Conduct Rule 9 Collaborative meeting Monday, March 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), Lake Michigan Hearing Room 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI.

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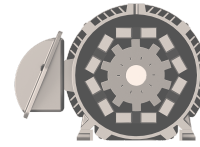
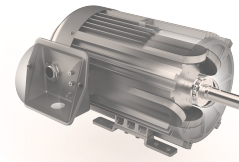


WFD Update

Submitted by Michael Cain: President Michigan Engineered Comfort Corporation (MECC) | Facility Engineers, Contractors & Consultants

On your behalf, MIACCA has been super busy already in 2019... Macomb CC: We're working with America's biggest Heroes, "Veteran's Returning Home", an organization that is leading the way to find rewarding careers and welcoming 1,500+ Veterans back home. Many are struggling with PTSD, homeless & feel hopeless. MIACCA is partnering with YoungSupply Co (Thanks to Terry Tarrantine) & Macomb CC (HVAC Professor Douglas Marlow & Apprenticeship Program Director Mr. Tim Pawlowski), to provide quality HVAC education and career opportunities for those who gave their best for us all. Pre disciplined, dedicated, educated and professional, very real Patriots are looking to get in the HVAC trade today!

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SMC Smart Motor System

The Smart Motor system marries a patented high rotor pole switched reluctance motor with matching motor controller, optional IoT Supervisor, and powerful user-friendly software. Components are designed for compatibility, ensuring the critical components of your motor-driven system work together, in harmony, to deliver next-level performance and efficiency.

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Vehicle Preparedness: Risk Management Corner

While it's true that a driver's skills, training, and experience are key to safety on the road, there's plenty that can be done before a vehicle leaves the garage to help a driver stay safe between Point A and Point B. Make sure all your vehicles are prepared — inside and out — for their intended use before you send employees out into traffic. [Read More](#)

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