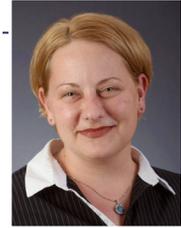


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What is going on over there?

This has to be one of the more interesting times I have had thus far in my tenure at RSES. In addition to navigating through a tough political and social climate rife with change, opposition and hostility, RSES itself is experiencing its own transitions that involves changing extremely old and antiquated processes and systems with newer, more generation-now friendly attributes.

As you read in last month's issue, one of these changes is working to update and refresh the available RSES exam proctors in the industry. This is happening so that as we continue to update our training and testing materials, more individuals have opportunities to take a variety of industry level-appropriate exams no matter where they live. We are seeking proctors to requalify and/or join us in making these exams available to all levels of HVACR professionals by signing up to be an RSES proctor. Because our methods are changing as to how exams are proctored and made available to the industry, we are requesting a requalification of current RSES proctors, as well. You can visit rses.org/rsesproctors.aspx to find out more about these exciting updates.

Another project that never really seems to end is the updating of our existing training books filled with a plethora of fundamental HVACR knowledge across the gamut of the industry. We are presently seeking industry and manufacturer partnerships to assist us in this daunting task and would like to open up that dialogue with organizations and companies that share in our values to create a highly educated workforce that holds continuing education and training in high regard. If you are interested in assisting RSES with one of these projects, please contact me at your earliest convenience. There are many ways

to help, so call or email me to start that dialogue.

Finally, if you did not hear in early May, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), in a happy accident of sorts, approved of an increase in the charge limit for A3 (flammable) refrigerants to 500 g from 150 g, as well as a rise in the charge limit for A2 and A2L (low flammable) refrigerants to 1,200 g from 150 g, in self-contained commercial refrigeration cabinets under IEC standard 60335-2-89. What does this mean for the U.S.? Well, frankly, nothing yet. We still have the arduous task of proving safety at a variety of levels of government, standard and regulation. While a step in a great direction for manufacturers and end users waiting with bated breath of news that they can utilize larger sizes of highly efficient equipment, it's the first of many steps to be had.

RSES will keep its finger on that proverbial pulse and update you, our Members and readers, as soon as we know where we are headed—figuratively and quite literally. In the meantime, invest in yourself by investing in your continuing education. Open the magazine and read the peer-reviewed technical articles; take a refresher online course; or attend an RSES Chapter meeting or seminar in your area. You are only as good a contractor or technician as you are open to learning each and every day. ☺

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