

# Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) Program

## MEDIA ADVISORY

**WHAT:** Earth Day-related press briefing in which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services for becoming the first state partner nationally in its Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) Program. The disposal program protects the ozone layer and reduces greenhouse gases by properly disposing of old air-conditioning units, refrigerators, freezers and other appliances, and by recovering refrigerant and foam from those appliances. RAD's other partners include retailers, municipalities, utilities, manufacturers and universities.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21

**WHERE:** Delaware Department of Health and Social Services  
Herman Holloway Campus  
1901 N. DuPont Highway (U.S. 13)  
New Castle, DE  
(Maintenance Garage – behind Main Administration Building)

**SPEAKERS:** EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin

DHSS Secretary Rita Landgraf

Brian Conners, President and Chief Operation Officer, ARCA Advanced Processing, Philadelphia

**DETAILS:** DHSS operates 156 buildings across the state, including five health-related facilities, many with a consistent turnover of appliances. In 2014, DHSS recycled 8,605 pounds of old air-conditioning units, refrigerators, freezers and other appliances. The goal for 2015 is to recycle and properly dispose of more than 6 tons of appliances.

NOTE: Pallets of old appliances, which are stored in the garage, will be the backdrop. There will be an opportunity for one-on-one interviews with the speakers after the program.

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