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Residential Water Heaters #RWH-0713-19

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Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act

Rheem Water Heaters Comply with New Federal Regulation

On January 4, 2011, **S.3874 "Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act"** was signed into law. Subsequently, Public Law 111-380 was enacted as an Amendment to the existing Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to reduce the allowable levels of lead content in U.S. drinking water. **The new Federal law becomes effective January 4, 2014 in ALL U.S. States and Territories.** The amended law closely follows laws previously enacted by California (AB-1953), Vermont (Act 193), Maryland (HB-372) and Louisiana (HB-471) on the allowable lead content in drinking water in those states. Like California, Vermont, Maryland and Louisiana laws, the new Federal law limits lead content of wetted surfaces to not more than a weighted average of 0.25% for all products manufactured to store or dispense drinking water for use in U.S. markets.

Rheem Water Heating Division has confirmed that all applicable residential and commercial water heating products referenced below, manufactured by Rheem and/or third party sources and sold under the Rheem family of brand names (Rheem®, RheemRuud, Perfect Fit, Rheem Professional, Rheem/Ecosense, Ruud Professional, Richmond, Marathon®, EcoSense™, SureComfort®, Raypak®, Paloma/Waiwela) as well as under GE®, Vanguard & Hotpoint® brand names, comply with this new Federal Regulation for low lead content. Applicable products are:

- **Gas Storage Water Heaters**
- **Electric Storage Water Heaters including:** Heat Pump Electric Water Heaters and Marathon Water Heater products
- **Tankless Gas Water Heaters**

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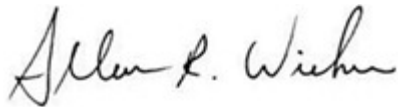
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- **Tankless Electric Water Heaters**
- **Solar Tanks**
- **Expansion Tanks**
- **Storage Tanks**
- **Indirect Water Heaters**
- **Hot Water Supply Boilers**

All Rheem water heater service parts that contact water such as drain valves, T&P relief valves and heating elements, when installed in a water heater (as listed above), comply with the requirement of a weighted average maximum of 0.25% lead. Rheem water heater service parts will be marked with a label stating: "All Rheem water heater service parts that contact water when installed in a water heater are low lead compliant and meet the requirement of a weighted average maximum of 0.25% lead."

Should there be any questions, please contact me.

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