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COVID-19 Update

NADCA Urges CDC to Prioritize HVAC Technicians for Vaccine Distribution

The National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) – also known as the HVAC Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Association – has partnered with other industry organizations to implore the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prioritize heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) technicians, plumbing and utility service professionals, and heating fuel delivery drivers for Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Already deemed essential in the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) most recent list of critical infrastructure workers, HVACR technicians, plumbing and utility service professionals, and heating fuel delivery drivers must enter homes and businesses on a daily basis to service, repair, or replace plumbing, heating, or ventilation

systems, refrigeration units, or related appliances and equipment. They frequently interact with homeowners, tenants, and their family members, some of which are members of the most vulnerable populations. These workers always wear personal protective equipment and strictly abide by CDC guidelines to protect themselves and their customers, however, there is always a risk of exposure – especially when working in smaller residential units.

NADCA, along with Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA), American Public Gas Association (APGA), Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA), National Association of Oil & Energy Service Professionals (OESP), National Energy & Fuels Institute (NEFI), Plumbing-Heating-

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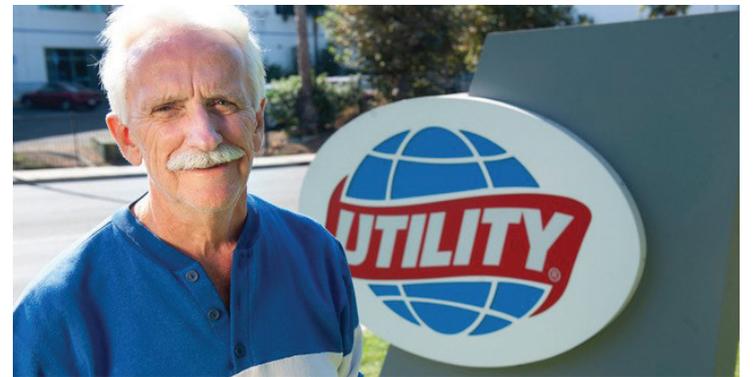
Los Angeles Manufacturing Company Saves Up to \$12K Annually with Venstar Upgrade

Remote access delivers unprecedented control of energy usage.

Venstar announced that its Explorer light-activated Wi-Fi thermostats and Skyport Cloud Services have helped Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company reduce its monthly energy costs by \$12,000 annually. Headquartered in the City of Industry near Los Angeles, Utility Trailer is America's oldest privately owned, family-operated trailer manufacturer.

"Venstar's Explorer thermostats are light activated, so when the lights are on, so is the HVAC. When the lights are turned off, the HVAC goes back to unoccupied mode," said Dan Morgan, facilities manager at Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company.

In addition to the cost-saving benefits of light activation, Morgan also remotely controls the Explorer thermostats using



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Venstar's Skyport Cloud Services and free mobile app.

"Skyport enables me to remotely control our Explorer thermostats, which is especially useful when I am off-site," Morgan said. "Having Skyport to remotely control my thermostats greatly improves my efficiency. It even lets me see what lights are on, indicating which areas are occupied."

Challenge: Remotely Manage and Control Energy Costs

To help reduce and manage energy usage Morgan was charged with choosing an energy solution that would help reduce and control energy costs for the 60,000-square-foot facility. Objectives included:

- Ensure that HVAC units are on only when the rooms are occupied
- Alert when temperatures go above pre-set temperatures

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