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Air Liquide introduces unique EPA protocol gases

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Air Liquide America Specialty Gases, LLC recently introduced two SCOTT™ brand EPA protocol calibration standards that will offer help to approximately 10,000 facilities nationwide to comply with new legislation governing greenhouse gas emissions.

Effective January 1, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule will require large emitters of heat-trapping emissions to begin collecting greenhouse gas (GHG) data. Generally, the EPA's greenhouse gas rule calls for direct measurement of emissions from certain units that already are required to collect and report data using continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMs). To meet this additional monitoring requirement, Air Liquide is offering four and five-component SCOTT GHG EPA protocol calibration mixtures that include methane and carbon dioxide. The mixtures will enable affected facilities to monitor emissions more efficiently and economically by allowing them to monitor CO, CO₂, CH₄, NO_x, and SO₂ using a single calibration gas standard. Guy Rowland, president of Air Liquide America Specialty Gases LLC, commented, *"These additions to our product portfolio demonstrate Air Liquide's ongoing focus on innovation and unparalleled product quality to bring value to our clients."*

Electric utilities and other sources have historically monitored and reported carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitric oxide emissions for the EPA's Acid Rain Program and have required highly accurate calibration gas mixtures made per EPA traceability protocol. Air Liquide's innovative technologies help to curb polluting emissions, lower industry's energy use, recover and reuse natural resources, and contribute to the development of energies of tomorrow. Its expertise includes calibration gas mixtures for environmental monitoring applications, and through its Scott Specialty Gases heritage, is the world's largest producer of EPA protocol gases.

Air Liquide America Specialty Gases LLC operates over 30 facilities throughout North America to provide fast localized delivery by dedicated trucks. Mixture facilities are ISO 9001:2000 certified while laboratories are ISO/IEC 17025 accredited. Products are available both directly and through Air Liquide's ALNET™ distributor network. Most Air Liquide products may also be purchased online.

For more information about SCOTT GHG EPA protocols gases, call 800-217-2688 toll-free (United States and Canada). To request a free product catalog, or for general information about Air Liquide products and services: visit www.us.airliquide.com or www.scottgas.com or www.specialtygas.ca; send email to solutions.center@airliquide.com (U.S.) or infor.Alc@airliquide.com (Canada).

Air Liquide America Specialty Gases LLC is the subsidiary of American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc. responsible for its packaged and specialty gas business in the U.S., providing gases and value-added services to a wide range of customers both directly and through its ALNET distribution network. Through its subsidiary businesses, American Air Liquide Holdings, Inc. offers industrial gases and related services to a variety of customers including those in large industry, industrial manufacturing, electronics, specialty and healthcare marketplaces.

Air Liquide is the world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment, and is present in over 75 countries with 43,000 employees. Oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and rare gases have been at the core of Air Liquide's activities since its creation in 1902. Using these molecules, Air Liquide continuously reinvents its business, anticipating the needs of current and future markets. The Group innovates to enable progress, to achieve dynamic growth and a consistent performance.

*Air Liquide combines many products and technologies to develop valuable applications and services not only for its customers but also for society. **Innovative technologies** that curb polluting emissions, lower industry's energy use, recover and reuse natural resources or develop the energies of tomorrow, such as hydrogen, biofuels or photovoltaic energy... Oxygen for hospitals, homecare, fighting nosocomial infections...*

A partner for the long term, Air Liquide relies on employee commitment, customer trust and shareholder support to pursue its vision of sustainable, competitive growth. The **diversity** of Air Liquide's teams, businesses, markets and geographic presence provides a solid and sustainable base for its development and strengthens its ability to push back its own limits, conquer new territories and build its future.

Air Liquide explores the best that air can offer to preserve life, staying true to its sustainable development approach. In 2008, the Group's revenues amounted to **€13.1 billion**, of which almost 80% were earned outside France. Air Liquide is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange (compartment A) and is a member of the CAC 40 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indexes.