

## **My Introduction As Refrigeration Chair**

Greetings, my name is Steve Roche and I am the new Refrigeration Chair for the ASHRAE Houston Chapter. I have been doing industrial and commercial refrigeration for 35 years and a member of ASHRAE for almost the same length of time.

Refrigeration was a strong component of ASHRAE in its early years. With focus on sustainability, indoor air quality and the like, it would appear that refrigeration has been relegated to the back burner. However, I disagree with this assessment. Every four years a Refrigeration volume is published in which all commercial and industrial load calculation programs use the data found here. *ASHRAE 15 Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems* is the industry standard. ASHRAE is very important to the refrigeration industry.

Over the next year it is my goal to expound upon the application and uses of refrigeration systems. These applications include food and beverage manufacturing, warehousing, petrochemical applications, and medical.

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