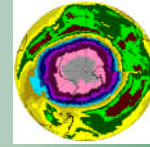
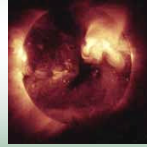




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## MOPIA's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup>

MOPIA will be hosting our 13th Annual General Meeting on Monday, February 12th, 2007 at Red River College in Winnipeg.

Plan to attend as we will be considering Association Bylaw amendments, electing members to our Board of Directors and presenting the 2005/06 Annual Report. MOPIA's steward members are eligible to vote on resolutions at our AGM, but all our stakeholders are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Let us know if you or someone you know is potentially interested in offering your/their volunteer expertise on our Board of Directors. MOPIA is an inclusive organization and we try to engage all industry sectors which are affected by the Manitoba ODS and Other Halocarbon Regulation.

Visit MOPIA's website to obtain AGM documents, including proxy and nomination forms.

## Did You Know???

### Ozone depletion in our lifetime...

- Australian Scientists have documented massive reductions of phytoplankton - up to 65% in southern ocean waters
- UVB has been linked to the suppression of immune systems in humans
- Alarming increases in cases of melanoma in people under 25 yrs old
- Animals (humans) and plants (crops) are affected adversely by ozone depletion. Children are at high risk, especially in the southern/polar regions (i.e. Chile, Australia)

## New Federal Legislation Recently Proposed

Proposed *Regulations Amending the Ozone-depleting Substances Regulations, 1998* were published in the Canada Gazette, Part I on Saturday December 2, 2006. The complete text can be found on page 4025 of the publication, which can be accessed at the following link:

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2006/20061202/pdf/g1-14048.pdf>

Most of the proposed amendments pertain to methyl bromide.

The following administrative changes pertaining to all substances and should be noted:

- Section 5 of the Regulations was modified to include the missing subparagraph 33(a.1).
- Section 33(1)(a) was modified to reflect the numbering and wording in Sections 5 and 32.
- New text was proposed to replace Subsection 34(2) as this new wording will appear in almost all Environment Canada Regulations. As a result of this addition, text was removed from paragraphs 8(a), 9(a), 10(a), and subparagraph 11(a)(ii) of Schedule 5.

Any person may submit comments with respect to the proposed Regulations within 60 days after the date of publication. Your comments will be accepted until January 31, 2007. Send them to:

**Chief, Chemicals Sector Division  
Department of the Environment  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3.**



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# Keeping our members informed!!



## New Solar Powered Refrigerator in use in India



President Abdul of India, became the first buyer of the innovative and environmental-friendly SolarChill vaccine refrigerator. A Press Release was issued jointly by UNEP, Greenpeace, Unicef and Proklima who jointly cooperated in the development and awareness of this relatively new technology.

[www.solarchill.org](http://www.solarchill.org)

In 2006, the SolarChill vaccine cooler and refrigerator project won the United Kingdoms Cooling Award in the Environmental Pioneer Refrigeration category.

A second SolarChill technology model is being developed for the food refrigeration sectors. The technology will be placed in the public domain so as to encourage private enterprise investment and advancement of the technology.

This technology offers many distinct advantages, being cheaper than battery operated units, and may bring practical health benefits to people around the globe, particularly in rural and poor regions.

## It's time to Renew Secondary Distributor Permits

MOPIA recently issued notices to some four hundred companies who import and/or purchase regulated products or substances into Manitoba to renew their SD Permits. If you require a permit, let us know or visit our website.

Secondary distributor (SD) permits are issued on an annual renewal basis as part of the Manitoba Ozone Depleting and Other Halocarbons Regulation by MOPIA. Typical permit holders include wholesalers, auto dealerships, refrigeration companies, manufacturers and the like. These are just a few examples.

## MOPIA Training

MOPIA is working hard to complete an updated version of our certification training program. It is in draft format and will be reviewed by a team of peer review specialist who will assist to better ensure it reflects industry's needs and compliments the compliance awareness elements for training technicians and persons working with regulated substances.

The training manual is expected to be launched in time for the Spring 2007 training season.

## Ozone Awareness Sessions in 2007

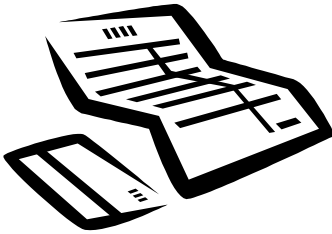
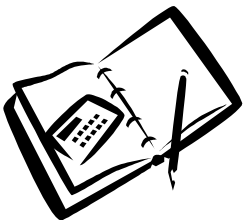
MOPIA is planning a series of ODS Awareness sessions throughout 2007. If you'd like us to come to your town or city, let us know. If there is an interest, we'd like to reach out to all stakeholders and ensure ODS compliance in Manitoba is the highest in the country.

## ODS Records for 2006

As part of your certification, you are required to maintain records on the use of all regulated products (i.e. refrigerants and halons). You are also required to submit records on an annual basis to MOPIA. We will require a copy of your ODS use for all of 2006 prior to February 1, 2007.

If you require assistance in how to maintain or compile these records, contact MOPIA. We do on-site visits and presentations to companies, large or small. Remember, record keeping is an important component of your certification.

Did you know that virtually all refrigerant manufactured can be tracked throughout its lifespan to its final destiny. The paper trail is distinct, so you are only fooling yourself if you think a needle can not be found in this haystack.



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