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## Stratospheric Ozone Layer & Atmosphere Protection

MOPIA's Monthly E-Bulletin for our Subscription Members and Select Stakeholders

### MOPIA Accepts Credit/Debit



Responding to the requests of our stakeholders, particularly those from outside Winnipeg, MOPIA applied for and was approved for an electronic credit card and debit terminal.

MOPIA began accepting Visa, Mastercard and Debit payments for certification renewals, permits and training, beginning last month. Individuals and companies are now able to phone-in or swipe their renewals and payments in person. This is one more step forward for our Association.



### Nations (OEWG) Meet in Geneva



The Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol is meeting June 15-18, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland. The OEWG is a key venue where representatives from attending nations consider proposals and hear various reports regarding ozone depleting substances and their alternatives.

It is the important lead-up session for the annual Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP 22) -- happening in Uganda in November of this year.

Two important amendments to the Montreal Protocol were issued for consideration at this OEWG. These are significant and include proposed controls on HFC's. See:

[www.unep.ch/ozone/Meeting\\_Documents/oewg/30oewg/Proposal-from-Federated-States-of-Micronesia.pdf](http://www.unep.ch/ozone/Meeting_Documents/oewg/30oewg/Proposal-from-Federated-States-of-Micronesia.pdf)

[http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting\\_Documents/oewg/30oewg/Proposal-from-USA-Canada-and-Mexico-2.pdf](http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/oewg/30oewg/Proposal-from-USA-Canada-and-Mexico-2.pdf)

### Plan to Attend a MOPIA Session



MOPIA is continuing to host a series of program awareness and consultation workshops across Manitoba this month. These sessions continue into July and are being held across Manitoba.

Each of the hour-long sessions will include a complimentary breakfast or lunch for our member stakeholders.

MOPIA is encouraging you to attend or send at least one representative from your workplace or business to hear the latest, learn, share information and/or concerns.

The goal of the sessions is to highlight some of the past years achievements, remind stakeholders about regulatory compliance responsibilities and share the latest on emerging industry technology. These sessions are also unique opportunities for our stakeholders to share information or raise issues for us to address as an organization or to provide to government.

You are required to pre-register for any of the sessions by sending an e-mail with your name and location selection or by faxing in the registration form which is on our website or found in your certification renewal package.

Plan on attending a MOPIA session near you...

Steinbach	June 10	Days Inn at Noon
Brandon	June 17	Days Inn at Noon
Dauphin	June 18	Super 8 at Noon
Gimli	June 22	Lakeview Res. Noon
Selkirk	June 23	Location/Time TBA
Morris	June 24	Location/Time TBA
Thompson	July 6	Location/Time TBA

Your Town.... Let us know where you'd like us to visit.

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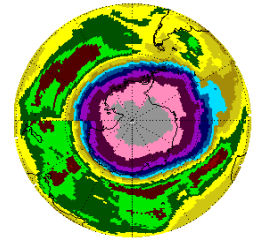
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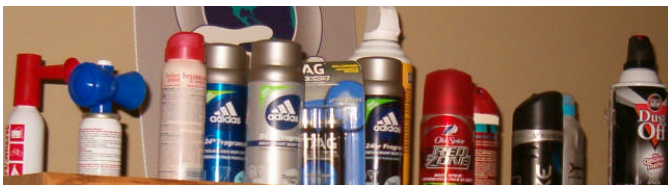
## MOPIA Meets with Federal MP



MOPIA's Michael Blackey and Mark Miller met with Canada's Chair of the House of Commons Environment and Sustainable Development Committee, Hon. James Bezan, to discuss two important issues including HFC's and Suntan Bed Labelling.

MOPIA is among the first organizations to identify that HFC's are being used in a wide variety of aerosol containers as a propellant within products ranging from antiperspirants, air horns, computer dusters to air fresheners.

In Manitoba and many other jurisdictions in Canada and abroad, HFCs are identified as global warming products and face significant regulatory control. They are highly regulated in the air conditioning and refrigeration sectors and MUST NOT be released to the environment, yet many consumer aerosol products are being produced and sold containing HFC's 134a and 152 without the same scrutiny.



MOPIA is also supporting a federal Bill (C-497) that is introducing labeling requirements on sunbeds. Individuals using these should be well aware of the dangers of UV exposure - evidence shows they increase a person's chance of developing skin cancer.

## Certification Renewals



Those certified should have already received their 2010-2011 certification renewal by mail. Renewals were issued to some 5,300 persons across Manitoba.

If one did not reach you, the renewal form is available at [www.mopia.ca](http://www.mopia.ca) or contact us and we can fax, email or mail you one. Your provincial certification expired June 1, 2010 and must be renewed annually. There is no rate increase this year.

Upon payment of the \$25 annual fee, MOPIA will issue a new orange coloured laminated card to each individual.

MOPIA is encouraging everyone to provide us with an email so in future we can issue renewals electronically. This would save huge quantities of paper, time and some of our significant postage costs.

## Certification Training Classes

MOPIA plans to offer our environmental and regulation awareness certification training class next on June 14 & 17 (combined during two evenings) and July 7 (day). If you know someone who may be interested or plans to handle regulated products (i.e. refrigerant or parts), they should sign-up for one of these sessions. Obtain the training registration form from our website at: [www.mopia.ca](http://www.mopia.ca).

## Refrigerant 1234yf in Germany

BRUSSELS, 27 MAY 2010 - From Beyond HFC's: The German car maker association backs down from past promises and announces the future use of a controversial new refrigerant proposed by chemical giants DuPont and Honeywell. The German federal environment agency (UBA) harshly criticises this move and warns against the dangers of the substance. Even voices from inside the automotive sector talk secretly about an "irresponsible" decision. The environmental group DUH accuses the car maker association of having blatantly lied to the public for the last three years and asks for their president to resign.

"This decision is a shame. Latest studies and test results by independent institutions have clearly demonstrated that HFC-1234yf bears major shortcomings", says Christianna Papazahariou, Head of the campaign BeyondHFCs. See more at: [www.beyondhfc.org/press.view.php?id=24](http://www.beyondhfc.org/press.view.php?id=24)

