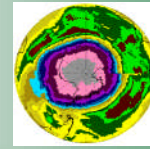
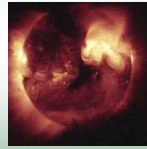




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MOPIA at Brandon University



MOPIA participated in Brandon University's Environment education session on February 28. There were eleven booths of information. Organizations highlighted their efforts to support sustainable development, protection of the environment or to promote their design for environment products.

MOPIA was able to speak with students and professors about ozone protection initiatives, ultra violet radiation and climate change. Schools from surrounding communities also were present throughout the day. Thank you to Erica Lowe and EcoBU for including MOPIA in this event.

While in Brandon, Mark Miller (Executive Director) and Scott Nicol (White Goods Coordinator) met with officials from Assiniboine Community College (ACC) including Dietrich Schellenberg, who is a central resource and instructor within the agriculture equipment/implement (mechanic) program. They toured the impressive agriculture program facility, learning how late model air conditioning systems in agriculture equipment are designed and operate.



Halons Technical Options Committee Report Released

The Report of the Halons Technical Options Committee (HTOC), 2006 Assessment, was recently released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Ozone Secretariat.

The 144 page Report highlights halon phase-out in Article 5 (developing nations), in countries that use halon 2402, global halon banking, estimated inventories of halons, civil aviation, merchant shipping, military applications among other topics.

The UNEP HTOC Report makes some fifteen recommendations to reduce halon emissions, some of which include the following:

- Reduce halon use to critical use applications only.
- No new halon applications unless absolutely necessary.
- Improve maintenance and system configuration.
- Discontinue the discharge of portable halon fire extinguishers for training purposes.
- Introduce the use of halon recycling equipment to recover all surplus or reusable material.
- Educate and train personnel on system characteristics.
- Maintain enclosure integrity.

Don Thomson, (MOPIA Past-Chair) has been an active participant of the HTOC and contributed to the completion of this most recent HTOC Report. View the report at:

http://ozone.unep.org/Assessment_Panels/TEAP/Reports/HTOC/index.shtml





Keeping our members informed!!

MOPIA Speaks at the University of Manitoba



Scott Nicol (White Goods Coordinator) and Mark Miller (Executive Director) spoke to the Biosystems Engineering (Pollution Prevention) class on invitation from Professor Nazim Cicek at the University of Manitoba. The event took place on February 22.

They relayed information regarding Manitoba's ozone depleting substances program, regulatory information and environmental stewardship.

The class responded positively with several questions regarding ozone depletion, local program initiatives and ODS program regulation specifics.

If you know of an event or activity which MOPIA can make a difference in understanding ozone protection or industry's efforts to protect the ozone layer and comply with legislation, contact MOPIA to set-up an "occasion".

MOPIA Certification Training is On-Going



MOPIA will be hosting our next one-day environmental and regulation awareness training session on Thursday, March 22 in Winnipeg at Red River College. This class is quickly approaching capacity.

MOPIA coordinates certification training on an as-needed basis.

For future classes, a waiting list of interested participants is kept and as soon as the numbers reach around ten, we select a date and location based on those who've registered.

You must pre-register to attend any of our classes. Interested participants may do so by contacting (by phone) or visiting MOPIA on-line directly for a registration form or request one via email at sarah@mopia.ca. The cost of the class is \$107.10 (pre-payment is not required or we can invoice) and the class generally runs between 6-8 hours in length.

Brandon Waste Disposal Facility

MOPIA (Mark and Scott) visited the City of Brandon's Sanitation Landfill Site on February 28 where they were able to discuss issues with the landfill attendant regarding white goods acceptance procedures such as decommissioning costs, number of white good received on a monthly basis, and compliance with all relevant regulations. The landfill has two white goods storage areas within its premises – a resident drop-off area (where a certified technician decommissions appliances) and a scrap metal section near the gate where all appliances are moved prior to recycling (with halocarbon removal stickers attached).

Residents in Brandon are charged (approx. \$35) when disposing of white goods. This fee is used primarily to cover the cost of refrigerant recovery.

Municipalities across Manitoba handle the disposal of white goods differently. Some waste disposal grounds charge for accepting white goods, some do not accept white goods, some accept them only if the refrigerant is recovered prior to disposal, and so on. To provide some guidance on this important issue, MOPIA is developing a white goods best management and disposal strategy which will act as a template or guideline for municipal waste disposal grounds and operators of these sites. There is an estimated 7,700 white goods being disposed of across Manitoba each year.



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