



Canada & USA Leadership at 3rd Extraordinary MOP in Vienna



The 37th and 38th Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and the 3rd Meeting of the Parties (MOP) took place in Vienna, Austria, 15-23rd July.

Canada's Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna and the US Secretary of State John Kerry attended. The discussions focused on a resolution and a pathway forward for controlling HFCs under the Montreal Protocol. There were several proposed amendments for nations to consider from Canada, Mexico and the USA, to the European Union, also India and Island States on addressing potential HFC controls.

Each approach was slightly different but all recognize that HFCs contribute significantly to climate change. In the end, there was momentum and interest in continuing to talk and hammer out a potential amendment possibly at the next MOP, in Kigali, Rwanda in October, 2016. Focus will have to be placed on accommodating each nations/regions unique circumstance in the amendment. Flexibility will be the key to any success going forward.

Canada's delegation was complimented by a number of seasoned staff including Martin Sirois, Virginia Poter (MOP 27 President), Philippe Chemouny, Nancy Seymour and other representatives.

See the meeting amendments and related documents at:

<http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Also, see the historical daily event coverage at IISDs portal:

<http://climate-1.iisd.org/events/oewg-38-and-exmop-3-to-the-montreal-protocol/>

MOPIA Provided Training at Manitoba's New Keeyask GS



MOPIA recently provided environmental and regulation awareness training to some 40 individuals at Manitoba's newest "under construction" hydro-electric generating station (GS). The GS is expected to be operating in 2022.

Keeyask is located just over 700 kms north of Winnipeg on the powerful Nelson River that empties into Hudson Bay. When completed, the new generating station will have a capacity output of 695 megawatts, among the largest in our province. Manitoba's electricity is generated by water at 15 GS sites besides wind, natural gas and coal (Brandon) sites.

On average 630 employees are on-site with that expecting to rise to up to over 1,600 later this year and into 2017.

See: www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask/index.shtml

<http://keeyask.com/>





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Environment & Climate Change Canada CEPA Amendments

Environment and Climate Change Canada has advised that the Ozone-depleting Substances (ODSs) and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations has been published in Part II of the Canada Gazette. They will enter into force in January 2017.

See: <http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2016/2016-06-29/html/sor-dors137-eng.php>

The purpose of these Regulations is to implement Canada's obligations under the Montreal Protocol by setting out rules concerning certain ODSs and certain products containing or designed to contain ODSs. The new Regulation also sets out rules concerning halocarbon alternatives and repeals ODSR 1998. Objectives include:

- Accelerate phase-out of the consumption of HCFCs;
- Introduce controls on the production of HCFCs;
- Introduce permitting & reporting system for HFCs;
- Introduce controls on the import and manufacture of refrigerant in non-refillable containers;
- Add flexibility for the transfer of methyl bromide for exempt uses among users.

For more information on the publication in Part II of the Canada Gazette, see

www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2016/2016-06-29/html/sor-dors127-eng.php

Also note: ECC is seeking info on HFCs in bulk under rule 71 CEPA. See

www.ec.gc.ca/ese-ees/default.asp?lang=En&n=94CB22D0-1

Welcome to MOPIA's New Office Executive Assistant!



Laura Bjornson took over the reigns as MOPIA's new Executive Assistant this month as Lauren Brucks took on a new position with the Government of Saskatchewan. MOPIA expresses appreciation to Lauren as she was an asset, public image and front line voice for our organization for the past three years.

Laura is no stranger to MOPIA as she has worked part-time for the organization and was trained thoroughly. Welcome!!

MOPIA coming to Thompson, The Pas and Flin Flon...



MOPIA has so far held program awareness sessions across Manitoba in Winkler, Steinbach, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Winnipeg, Russell, Selkirk and Dauphin.

These sessions were free and included a complimentary light meal and refreshments. Participants heard the latest on international, national and local initiatives including emerging HVAC/R and A/C technologies and trends. MOPIA's new 2016 Compliance Guide was also made available. Many questions and concerns were shared including the use of retail sold top-up (hydrocarbon) refrigerants, white goods management, end use of HFCs, new refrigerants and visible enforcement of The Manitoba ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation.

MOPIA is continuing these awareness sessions with a northern Manitoba swing in August (Thompson, Flin Flon and The Pas). Just email (mopia@mymts.net) or call us which session you'd like to attend and how many are coming. We look forward to your participation – and please tell others who may be interested.

Thompson	August 23	Best Western at 12 noon – 1 pm
Flin Flon	August 24	Schedule a site visit drop-in
The Pas	August 24	Schedule a site visit drop-in

MOPIA plans to do drop-ins at various other locations to ensure stakeholders are up-to-speed and to hear any concerns. Let us know if you'd like to discuss or share ideas.

Certification Training On-going

MOPIA's next one-day certification classes are Saturday, August 13 in Winnipeg and potentially in Brandon later in August if there is enough interest. Register by email (mopia@mymts.net) or calling MOPIA at 204.338.2222 / toll free 1.888.667.4203.

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