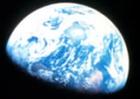




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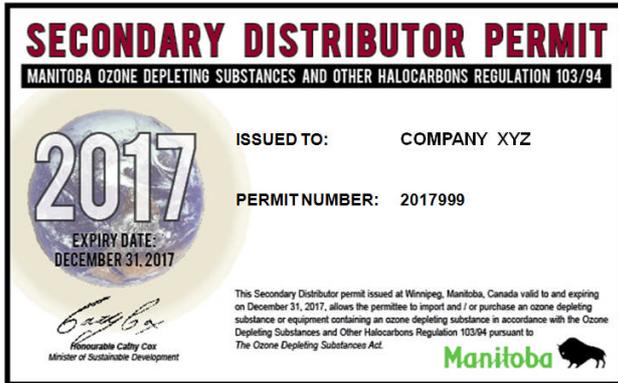
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SD Permits Required to Purchase and Import Regulated Products



If your company purchases and/or imports into the province regulated products (virtually anything attached to the closed refrigerant loop) or any regulated refrigerants (i.e. HCFCs, HFCs), your company should have a Secondary Distributor (SD) Permit. The SD Permit allows your company to purchase, import and have in possession regulated products. While service technicians who are certified may also purchase these products, if they are not the owner of the company for which they work, they are taking on substantial liability and it is not recommended or advisable. The company should be acquiring the products for which they are handling. Please note, if a technician is giving their MB certification number to a wholesaler on behalf of the company they work for to obtain regulated products, this is highly improper as they then assume the responsibility. They should (alternatively) pick-up these regulated products under their employer/company SD Permit from a wholesaler/distributor.

There are over 500 companies in Manitoba that have the annually issued SD Permit issued through MOPIA. The cost is \$50 as specified in the Manitoba ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation 103/94. Companies that should have the permit include all wholesalers, distributors, auto dealers, agricultural implement dealers and the various air conditioning and refrigeration service companies among others. Contact MOPIA if you need more info or for an SD Permit application form. Also on-line at: www.mopia.ca

Let MOPIA know if you need more details or would like to apply for a 2017 SD Permit or visit our website for the application. Also, advise us or a Manitoba Environment Officer if you know of a company obtaining regulated items wrongfully as penalties are up to \$500,000 on a first offence.

MOPIA's Next Certification Class is Saturday, February 18



MOPIA's next one-day environmental and regulation awareness certification class will be held on Saturday, February 18 at Red River College in Winnipeg.

If you know of anyone requiring the certification, please let them know. The class runs from 8 am – 5 pm and includes an examination. Anyone working on A/C or HVACR systems handling regulated products and refrigerants must have this certification or they risk penalties of up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding six months on a first offence.

If you know of anyone working on systems who is not certified, please advise MOPIA and/or an Environment Officer with Manitoba Sustainable Development. Non-compliance will not be tolerated and they will face prosecution.

Refrigerant & Halon Records Due

Every technician who is certified must report (to MOPIA) their refrigerant or halon use and install, repair or service work annually. This is mandatory under Section 8(1) of the Manitoba Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons Regulation 103/94.

Advise MOPIA of your use or non-use of regulated refrigerants (includes HFC 134a) via email, fax or phone call or risk penalties and denied renewal of your certification. Contact MOPIA if you have any questions.





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MOPIA Planning Awareness and Outreach Sessions Across Manitoba



MOPIA is seeking your input into deciding on locations and dates for our annual cross-province rolling awareness sessions. Each year, MOPIA hosts complimentary breakfast or lunch sessions to hear concerns, bring forth emerging industry trends and regulatory issues. Environment Officers from the Department of Sustainable Development and other guests have participated to help answer question and we look forward to their involvement again this year.

MOPIA's plan is to host at least one session in the following locations: Winkler/Morden, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Winnipeg, Steinbach and Dauphin. However, if there is interest, other locations will be added. Whether it be in Thompson, Altona, Selkirk or anywhere in-between. All we want to ensure is that there is a practical venue to host a session and the interest from our stakeholders.

The sessions are usually about 1 hour in length so as not to cut into your work day schedule too much and include a light meal and/or snacks. The dates are likely to be between May – August when the industry is in full swing. Shoot us an email if you have some ideas for locations and topics.

MOPIA's 23rd Annual General Meeting

March 27! Watch for more details posted soon at www.mopia.ca



Atmosphere Instruments Planned to be Launched to ISS by SpaceX



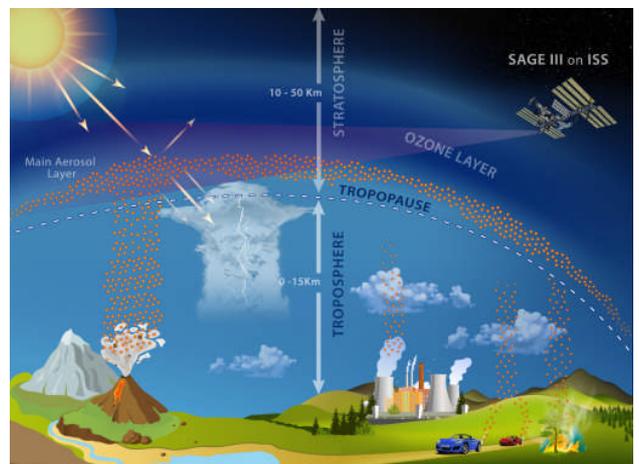
SpaceX, one of the worlds unique private US based companies that designs and manufactures rockets and spacecrafts and plans to launch a mission including scientific instrumentation payload to the International Space Station this month. The instruments are designed to measure ozone molecules and other key aerosols in the atmosphere that will assist in mapping chemicals in the stratosphere. The launch is called CRS-10 (SAGE III).

For more info, follow the links below:

www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/sage3.html

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVyNQXWxH24

www.spacex.com/



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