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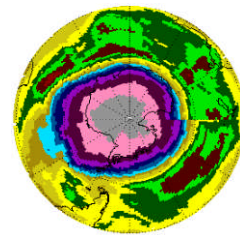
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Sunscreens and Labelling



Lauren (MOPIA's Sun Awareness Coordinator) displays some of the many sunscreens available in the marketplace as well as an electronic UV A&B sun awareness data Monitor.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently announced (14th June) new sunscreen labelling regulations. These latest requirements were put in place to help guarantee that all sunscreen products meet all safety and protection standards.

The hope is that newer and more defined rules will help people in purchasing sunscreen that will actually protect them as much as they claim.

The labels "waterproof," "sweatproof", or "sun block" will no longer be allowed. The U.S Food and Drug Administration believe that these claims exaggerate the sunscreen's efficiency. The projected rule would also cap the highest SPF value on sunscreen labels to "50 +", because there is not enough research to prove that sunscreens with an SPF higher than 50 actually provide better protection.

Canada has yet to change its regulations surrounding sunscreen but many dermatologists think that it is critical for people to know what they are getting when buying sunscreen. The better informed you are about sunscreen you are buying, the better protected.

Credits: The USA Food & Drug Administration / <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDA-1978-N-0018-0698>

MOPIA Attends 31st OEWG



The 31st Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held in Montreal (1-5 August, 2011). MOPIA's Chair, Mr. George Kurowski, attended this OEWG where some key issues were discussed. He also participated in various side-events hosted by the United Nations Ozone Secretariat and also by certain non-government organizations.

For a detailed summary of the meeting see: <http://www.iisd.ca/download/pdf/enb1980e.pdf>

The 22nd Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol will be taking place in Bali, Indonesia this coming Fall.

MOPIA's Offices Relocating

MOPIA's offices in Winnipeg will be moving to a more central location this November. Our five year lease was set to expire and after several weeks of touring various locations and considering our near and long term options, MOPIA has settled on a new office at 1082 Main Street (Winnipeg) at Redwood Plaza.

We hope this new location will be more convenient and more central to our Winnipeg and surrounding area stakeholders. Just minutes from downtown, free parking will once again be available for our stakeholders. It is also along a major bus route and every effort will be made to make the offices as green as possible.

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China's HCFC's being Phased-Out



As China is classified as a developing nation under the Montreal Protocol, they have from time to time been granted financial support to phase-out and eliminate various ozone depleting substances from halons to CFC's.

Recently, they were granted US \$265 million by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to cut its use of HCFC's by 2015. This is an important and aggressive approach that will eliminate the continued harmful effects of up to 3,320 tonnes of HCFCs as an ozone depleter and as a global warmer.

China is the world's largest producer and consumer of HCFC's.

For info on the Multilateral Fund see: www.multilateralfund.org

Next One-Day Training is Aug 17

MOPIA continues to offer the one-day environmental and regulation awareness certification training class.

If you know someone who may be interested or plans to handle regulated products, obtain the training registration form from our website or by calling or emailing MOPIA. The next all-day class is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 in Winnipeg.

Apprenticeship Awd's of Distinction



The 5th Apprenticeship Awards of Distinction will be held November 4, 2011 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg.

This event honours the contributions that employers, journeymen and instructors have made to their industry.

See: www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers

No Topping-up

With the incredible heat wave that hit the prairies in July and continuing into August, consumers were desperate for air conditioning in their homes and autos, not to mention retail establishments and manufacturing plants. Many contractors and service technicians have been working long hours. Some were told to just top-up systems or offered cash under the table. This practice is contrary to industry practice and legislation with significant fines. Don't do it – or be prepared to pay the penalties which may include imprisonment!!

MOPIA has been trying to raise awareness to consumers and the industry that topping-up an air conditioner is not allowed. We ramped up our campaign and recently developed a few draft posters that will soon be available to all through our website (downloadable). The posters will be useful for air conditioning contractors, auto repair shops, agriculture implement dealers and anyone else in the A/C and refrigeration sectors.

Certification Renewals 2011-2012

If you or persons in shop have not already done so, you can still renew your personal provincial certification.

Persons can renew by phone at 204.338.0804 or toll free at 1.888.667.4203.

Recent UV Levels

In early August, Environment Canada's UV forecasts for various cities ranged from – Toronto at 7 and Calgary at 6 to Halifax at 3 and Winnipeg at 6. Much of Manitoba reached levels of 7-9 during periods of July. Levels change daily. See:

www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/forecast/textforecast_e.html?Bulletin=fpcn48.cwao

www.ec.gc.ca/uv/default.asp?lang=En&n=880ACC87-1

EXPOSURE CATEGORY	UVI RANGE
LOW	< 2
MODERATE	3 TO 5
HIGH	6 TO 7
VERY HIGH	8 TO 10
EXTREME	11+

Chart courtesy of Environment Canada.

