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Proposals to Phase-down HFC's Globally

A globally push is now underway to phase-down or phase-out the use of HFC's. This was first initiated by a proposal to amend the Montreal Protocol by Canada, Mexico and the United States about 3 years ago.

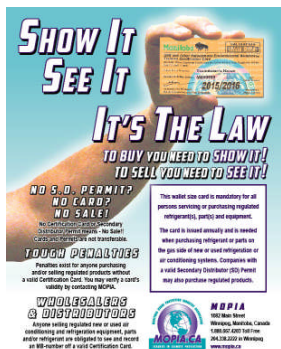
More recently, proposals by India, the European Union and various Island Nations have been placed on the Agenda to control HFC's. See these at: <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oweg/oweg-36/presession/default.aspx>

These proposed amendments will be discussed next at the 36th Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Paris July 20-24.

HFC controls have been proposed as they are significant climate change chemicals with significant global warming potential (GWP) ratings. US President Obama and other heads of state have made public announcements to address climate change substances including HFCs. Parties to the Montreal Protocol are seen to be in the best position to control chemicals that significantly contribute to climate change as the Kyoto Protocol progress has not shown signs of achievement.

What this means for grassroots technicians servicing air conditioning and refrigeration equipment is that alternatives will continue to emerge and the use of natural refrigerants may gain popularity. Hydrocarbons already exist and HFO's have been introduced in certain applications. Ammonia and carbon dioxide will continue to penetrate the market where deemed safe and cost effective.

New Awareness (Purchasing) Bulletins Issued



MOPIA is developing a number of new and updated industry and public information bulletins on the issues of topping-up refrigerants and various regulatory highlights.

See these at:

www.mopia.ca

New Code of Practice Issued by Environment Canada

Environment Canada recently released its' updated **"Environmental Code of Practice for the Elimination of Fluorocarbon Emissions from Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems"**.

The document will be used as a guideline for good practices in the various air conditioning and refrigeration sectors. The document will also eventually be including in certification training to new students. Certain provinces may proceed to include elements of the Code in their provincial ODS legislation. Manitoba is likely to use it as a guideline only, not replacing any existing legislation.

You may download the full text of the document at:

<http://mopia.ca/wp-content/media/Code-Practice-2015-EC.pdf>



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Next Certification Training



MOPIA will be hosting our next one-day certification training Class in **Winnipeg** on Wednesday, May 21.

MOPIA will also host a one-day class in **Brandon** tentatively on Thursday, May 28. Contact MOPIA for details.

Westech Training Centre will be hosting 4 evening sessions on UNEP's Good Servicing Practices Phasing out HCFC's in July in Winnipeg. For cost and more details contact Brian Baker at: custom@customvac.ca

Manitoba's New Minister of Conservation

Manitoba has a new Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship!

On April 29, Premier Greg Selinger appointed Tom Nevakshonoff, member of the legislative assembly for Manitoba's Interlake, first elected in 1999, as Minister.



Attend a Free Update Session



MOPIA is coming to a town or city near you!

Plan to attend one of our free lunch program awareness sessions beginning later this month in Brandon and Dauphin. Hear the latest in what's happening within your industry and share your concerns with MOPIA.

Sessions are all free, including the lunch. Just part of our commitment to keep our stakeholders informed across Manitoba.

Did you know there is a new federal Code of Practice? How about the requirements for companies with apprentices? New refrigerants are emerging, are you prepared? Are internet sales allowed?

See dates, locations and register in advance by visiting: www.mopia.ca

International Roundup

- California has developed a concept paper that calls for the reduction of HFCs by 80% by 2030 in new air conditioning and refrigeration equipment. See: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/newsrel/newsrelease.php?id=726>
- Atmosphere America will be held June 25-26 in Atlanta, Georgia. <http://www.atmo.org/events.details.php?eventid=30>

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