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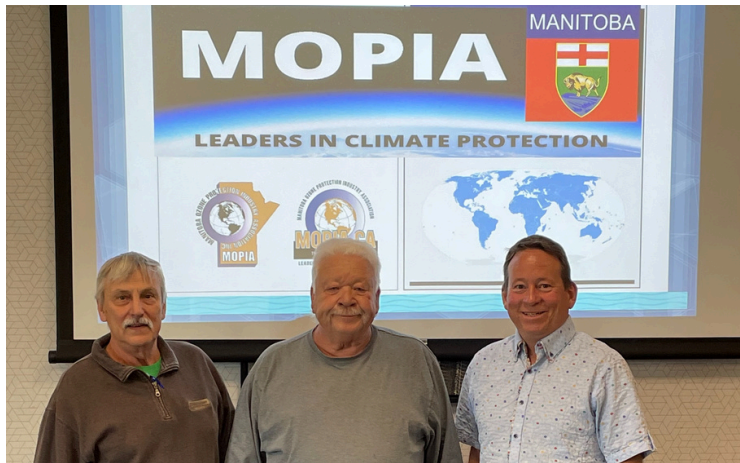
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Plan to Attend an Awareness Session



MOPIA's annual Awareness Sessions are back for Spring/Summer 2026, aiming to bring updates and hear from our stakeholders in communities across Manitoba. These one hour (free) sessions are designed for A/C service technicians, HVAC/R professionals, parts suppliers, and anyone interested in A/C refrigeration regulatory compliance and industry best practices!

Our team will be travelling throughout the province to share the latest information on emerging technologies and related industry news while providing time for attendees to ask questions and share ideas and concerns. Complimentary food /refreshments will also be provided.

This year, sessions will take place in **Brandon** (May 21), **Steinbach** (June 10), **Winkler** (June 16), **Winnipeg** (June 23 and July 8), **Neepawa** (June 24), **Portage la Prairie** (June 25), **Dauphin** (June 30), **Thompson** (July 9), and **Swan River** (July 16). We're pleased to add Neepawa to this year's schedule. **Other locations may be added based on expressed interest.** MOPIA also continues to offer free site visits to help businesses to review practices and stay compliant. Registration is recommended by texting MOPIA at 204 599 8988 or email mopia@mopia.ca

April 22 - MOPIA's 32nd AGM



MOPIA's 2026, 32nd Annual General Meeting will be held on Earth Day, April 22. Soon!

Reports will be shared by our Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director.

If you are interested to be a candidate for a Board position, simply complete and submit in advance the Nominations Form on MOPIA's website. The Nominations Committee will review and recommend candidates to our membership at the AGM.

MOPIA is a stakeholder driven organization. We are not government, nor a partisan or lobby organization. We aim to support the industry to reduce and eliminate the use of chemicals harmful to the environment primarily in the A/C and HVAC/R industry.

The AGM will be live streamed beginning at 3 pm. If you have Teams, the feed will be posted on MOPIA's website April 21.



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Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association

IKEA Calls for Industry Collaboration on Natural Refrigerants

IKEA is accelerating its shift toward natural refrigerant, but says stronger industry collaboration is key to making it work at scale. Speaking at the ATMOsphere Europe Summit, Ingka Group (IKEA's largest retailer) highlighted both the progress and the challenges of transitioning to systems using refrigerants like CO₂ (R744) and propane (R290). While these solutions offer clear environmental and energy-efficiency benefits, barriers remain particularly around upfront costs, technical knowledge, and market consistency. Rather than limiting adoption to regions with strict regulations, IKEA is implementing natural refrigerants across its global operations. This approach reflects a broader strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with a target of cutting operational emissions by 85% by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050. The company emphasized that achieving these goals will require more than internal investment. Manufacturers and service providers play a critical role in improving system affordability, supporting ongoing maintenance, and helping build confidence. IKEA's message is clear: advancing sustainable refrigeration isn't just about technology, it's about collaboration. By working together across the industry, the transition to climate-friendly solutions can become more practical, scalable, and impactful worldwide.

Source: <https://naturalrefrigerants.com/news/ikea-seeks-manufacturers-and-maintenance-suppliers-support-for-natural-refrigerant-solutions-across-its-global-portfolio/>

26-27 Certification Renewals

Beginning May 1, MOPIA can accept payments for technician's certification cards for the 2026-27 year only. Planning ahead and paying early helps us ensure everything is in place and processing more efficient. Thank you for helping us keep things running smoothly!

Natural Refrigerants are Scaling Fast Worldwide

The global shift to natural refrigerants is no longer emerging. It's accelerating across every major market. A new report from ATMOsphere highlights just how quickly adoption is growing in commercial and industrial refrigeration worldwide. Natural solutions like CO₂, propane, and low-charge ammonia are becoming mainstream. The numbers tell the story:

- Europe leads with over 100,000 sites using transcritical CO₂ systems
- North America now has 5,120 food retail stores using CO₂ refrigeration
- Latin America has installed 9.4 million hydrocarbon (mostly propane) cases
- Japan is nearing 15,000 sites using natural refrigerants
- South Africa has surpassed 600 CO₂-based food retail stores

These figures underscore a clear trend that natural refrigerants are rapidly becoming the global standard. Driven by regulation, sustainability goals, and proven performance, adoption is expanding across both developed and emerging markets signaling a long-term transformation of the refrigeration industry.

Read the full report here:

<https://atmosphere.cool/refrigeration-commercial-and-industrial-refrigeration-with-natural-refrigerants-2025/>

