

### PureSphera a Victim of Covid-19



A Quebec based company operating throughout Manitoba as PureSphera was a recent business casualty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The company had operated a white goods (fridge, freezer) decommissioning plant in Winnipeg but a combination of circumstances including the suspension of the Retire Your Fridge initiative with Manitoba Hydro put them in a financial challenging position, at least in the short term.

PureSphera was recycling up to 95% of all units received, including the foams which often contain climate change or ozone depleting substances or other halocarbons within the foam product.

Covid-19 has impacted municipalities and the recovery (stockpiling) of white goods broadly too, but MOPIA is optimistic these challenges will be addressed in some future provincial (Manitoba) product stewardship recovery initiative, models of which are operating in British Columbia and Quebec.



### Profile on Part of Team MOPIA

We are excited to share information on part of MOPIA's strong office Team.

Aleah has been with MOPIA for two years and has become more involved in the social media aspect for our organization. Profiling the UV report on Instagram, updating MOPIA's Facebook and taking on various administrative roles including assisting our many stakeholders directly day-to-day.



Aleah enjoys the outdoors, plays several musical instruments including the piano, flute, guitar and ukulele, keeping us all entertained.

Nicole joined MOPIA this Spring just as Covid-19 was emerging and there was much uncertainty.



She is a University of Winnipeg student in International Development and Environmental Studies, returning for her 4<sup>th</sup> year of studies this coming Fall.

Nicole has become an integral part of the MOPIA office team, being accurate, responsive and thorough. Her pleasant demeanor is a strong catalyst for the positive and efficient operation of the office day to day at MOPIA!

Kyle is also a University of Winnipeg student in Environmental Sciences. He has been the coordinator involved in the initiation of MOPIA's on-line training program and is involved in the revamp of MOPIA's corporate website.



Kyle's technical expertise has been a significant asset for MOPIA as we have updated our functioning databases. He is a positive force within MOPIA's office staff team.

Kyle has many interests including playing various sports, playing the drums and enjoying the outdoors.

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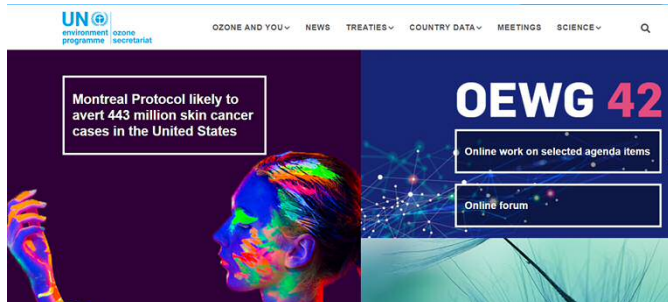
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## Ozone Secretariat/United Nations Environment Programme 42<sup>nd</sup> OEWG



The 42<sup>nd</sup> Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) took place July 14-16 via a unique on-line format.

The OEWG is the session which included all Parties, non-government and implementing agencies of The Montreal Protocol, aimed at prioritizing and assembling reports and any amendments prior to the annual Montreal Protocol meetings held in November of each year. The 32<sup>nd</sup> MOP is being planned for November 23-27, pending Covid-19 restrictions.

You may see the 42<sup>nd</sup> OEWG Summary documents at: <https://ozone.unep.org/parties-conclude-online-discussions-replenishment-multilateral-fund>

## MOPIA's 26th AGM...September

MOPIA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting is tentatively postponed to September due to Covid-19 and as venues are not currently available. Watch MOPIA's website for details. We are respectful of our stakeholders and want to ensure all can actively engage and participate in a safely manner.

## On-Line Certification Training

Does anyone you work with require their MOPIA card? On-Line certification training (provincial certification) can be obtained On-Line via the convenience of their own home or workplace. The cost to do the on-line training is \$195 and can be accessed via MOPIA's website at [www.mopiatraining.com](http://www.mopiatraining.com)

This option is in addition to our self-study correspondence kit and pending in-classroom instruction.

All persons purchasing, handling regulated refrigeration, air conditioning and white goods new or used parts, equipment and refrigerant must be certified or the person is liable for a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment on a first offence.

## Enforcement, Compliance and Your Tips



MOPIA is encouraging anyone who has any concern(s) about any person or business that is contravening or disregarding the requirements of Manitoba's ODS Regulation to contact an Environment Officer, who are part of Manitoba Conservation and Climate, located across our Province.

Reports or tips may include issues such as:

- Anyone working on refrigerant or an A/C's closed refrigerant loop without a valid certification via MOPIA
- Anyone or a business topping-up refrigerant
- Anyone cocktailing refrigerants (adding in a refrigerant without first recovering and/or properly permanently repairing an A/C system(s)).
- Anyone cutting refrigerant lines

Report Tips to the Environment Officer/Branch nearest you: [www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment\\_and\\_biodiversity/petroleum\\_storage/contact.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment_and_biodiversity/petroleum_storage/contact.html)

Please remember, the ODS certification is not a trade license and anyone working on equipment designed by Manitoba Apprenticeship must hold a valid Trade qualification. As an example, certain trades are designated and persons working in these must comply or penalties may be levied against the person and or business separate from Manitoba's ODS

Regulation. Contact Manitoba Apprenticeship for more information.

[www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/discover/mbrades/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/discover/mbrades/index.html)

## July 2020 Climate Anomalies

See statistical climate data from NOAA at: [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/national/?Set-Language=ar](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/national/?Set-Language=ar)