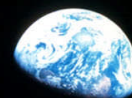




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HFC Propellant Pulled from Store Shelves – Progress Being Made



MOPIA was among the first to raise the concern of the use of HFC's in air horns and a vast array of other consumer goods (i.e. antiperspirants, fragrances, air dusters, etc.) internationally. HFC 134a or 152a continue to be used as a propellant in many consumer aerosol containers by certain manufacturers adding to the impact to climate change.

However, MOPIA was eager to learn that at least one manufacturer has come up with an air based aerosol to replace their previous HFC propellant. We challenge all manufacturers to be responsible, invest in our environment and show leadership. Governments are also urged to place restrictions on the use of HFC's as aerosol propellants.

MOPIA's AGM – April 28 Plan to Attend – It's Free!



MOPIA's 20th Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 28th at Red River College in Winnipeg beginning at 7:15 pm.

All members are welcome to attend but only steward members may vote on corporate business. Hear reports from our Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director. There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be provided in appreciation of your attendance.

For those wishing to seek consideration by our steward members for election onto our Board of Directors, a Nominations Form is available on-line. Candidates must be steward members to be considered – requires a modest membership fee payment (\$10-35) for the year.

More Climate Disasters and Death Changes in Climate System



The latest international Report from the UN Agency responsible for climate change coordination released its Fifth Assessment Report. It predicts dire consequences if action by industry, government and civil society is not taken. The consequences of inaction will affect everyone directly from food shortages to rising insurance premiums including death and the possible spread of disease from various disasters.

Intense storms, flooding, droughts and radical changes to our atmosphere and bio-systems is anticipated with a status quo approach with the continued use of fossil fuels and other industrial processes.

To access the Report, visit:

www.ipcc.ch/

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPCC_Fifth_Assessment_Report

Chiller 'CFC' Ban Looming 9 months and counting



December 31, 2014 is the deadline for those operating a CFC refrigerant based chiller in Manitoba. Chillers are typically used by hospitals to large industrial and office buildings and they must be decommissioned or retrofitted from a CFC by the end of this year. This is a mandatory requirement.



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Watch for your 2014-15 Certification Renewal Coming Soon! No Fee Increases!



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Enclosed is your 2014-2015 Provincial Certification Card

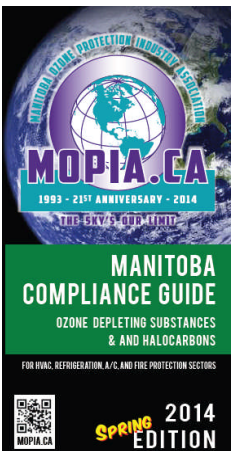
- You are invited to attend one of MOPIA's free breakfast or lunch hour program awareness sessions being held across Manitoba. See the insert or visit www.mopia.ca for dates and locations.
- Please let us know if you change addresses or employers during the year.
- Remember to submit your record data sheets for 2014 by Feb 1, 2015!
- Remember to visit www.mopia.ca for the latest updates and news.

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MOPIA will be mailing out your 2014-15 certification renewal at the end of April. All technician certifications expire June 1, 2014 and require renewal with payment of the annual \$25 fee, payable to MOPIA. Payment may be made by phone with a credit card or by returning the renewal form via fax, mail or email or by dropping into our offices at 1082 Main Street (just south of Redwood at Aberdeen Ave.) in the North End, Winnipeg between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

An option we have provided for you is payment may be made for 2 years, for convenience and helping us to reduce our environmental footprint and reducing associated costs. This helps significantly to hold and eliminate certain admin., mailing and printing costs as major increases came recently with postage. In future, and with your permission, we hope to email renewals to further reduce our environmental footprint.

Handy Compliance Guide Released by MOPIA



MOPIA released its' Spring 2014 Compliance Guide in March. It is a reference tool highlighting many elements of the regulatory requirements of those handling, purchasing and using regulated products.

MOPIA has made this edition available in pdf on our website. Check it out and let us know how we can improve it as we plan on issuing an even more improved version in June. We will print a limited supply of hard copies for those who do not have internet or computer access.

MOPIA will be Present across Manitoba



MOPIA will be hosting a series of one-hour program awareness sessions across Manitoba beginning in June. These sessions will update members of our activities, new product innovations and attempt to assist with regulatory understanding.

MOPIA's Executive Director (Mark Miller) will also be visiting smaller communities and business to better ensure regulatory compliance is known and to identify any stakeholders who are not aware of their responsibilities.

The sessions are free and will include a breakfast or sandwich type lunch. We encourage you to attend, as it's your opportunity to have MOPIA come to your town and to learn and share information.

A full list of the sites and including your registration form will be included in the certification renewal packages you will receive by early May.

Manitoba Events Corner

There are many trade sector and industry events happening locally and around the world. Let us know if you have any planned and we'll make them known here:



RSES Manitoba (March & April events/webinars)
For information, email: custom@customvac.mb.ca or see: www.rses.org/

BEMM – Better Buildings Conference (April 22-24)
Winnipeg, Manitoba
<http://www.betterbuildingsconference.com/>

ASHRAE Tour of Richardson College, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba (April 10) 1730-2030 pm
www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/richardson-college-index
www.ashraemanitoba.ca/events/

ATMOsphere America June 14-15, 2014
San Francisco, USA

