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### HVACR Industry Sector Essential During Covid-19



The importance of the heating, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) sectors comes to the forefront especially during times of crisis, such as the Covid-19 global pandemic.

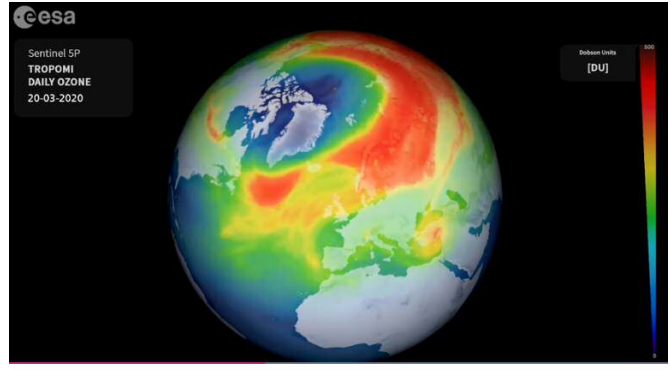
While many take for granted the air temperature in our homes, workplaces and every other facility we may visit daily, all buildings including homes and commercial properties rely on the specialized services of the HVACR industry. From hospitals, prisons to food stores and transport refrigeration, airplanes and cold storage, each requires the on-going essential maintenance of their refrigeration equipment, morgues, coolers, and workplace environments.

MOPIA is aiming to raise the profile of the importance of the HVACR sectors with the media, public and government. Organizations in Europe ([www.area-eur.be/](http://www.area-eur.be/)) and around the globe are highlighting these sectors relevance in times of challenge, like now.

See letter from AREA President to Heads of Governments: [www.area-eur.be/news/covid-19-open-letter-area-president](http://www.area-eur.be/news/covid-19-open-letter-area-president)



### Arctic Ozone Layer Significantly Compromised in March 2020



The Northern hemisphere's Arctic Stratospheric Ozone Layer was significantly depleted during March not seen the likes since 1997 and 2011 as the dynamics of the circumpolar winds were unique. In addition, chlorine and bromine from ozone depleting substances (i.e. refrigerants, halons and other products) continue to destroy the ozone layer.

Several sources monitor the ozone layer around the earth, including USA based NASA and NOAA.

See: <https://ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov/NH.html>

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/news/arctic-ozone-depletion-tracks-record-levels>

### April 22 – Earth Day 2020

April 22 (each year) has been designated as Earth Day around the world.

Earth Day was first initiated in 1970 to bring focus on environmental protection around the globe. It is now a global day of environmental focus. The logo is a trademark in Canada.

Visit Earth Day Canada's website for activities and any on-line events (webinar on April 20). See: [www.earthday.ca](http://www.earthday.ca)





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## Certification Training Options



MOPIA's next one-day provincial certification class will be announced when physical and social distancing protocols allow, which at the present time have not been determined. Any person working on the gas side of an air conditioning, and/or HVAC/R system requires this certification under Manitoba's ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation 103/94.

To obtain a self-study kit, you may contact MOPIA at email (mopia@mymts.net) or phone (204.338.2222 or 1.888.667.4203). Or, order it via our website with PayPal. The cost of MOPIA's self-study kit is \$185/student plus shipping (currently \$195).

## MOPIA's Spring/Summer Outreach in Jeopardy



MOPIA's Spring and Summer Stakeholder Outreach sessions are in limbo right now due to Covid-19. We hope to offer awareness sessions which provide an update on our activities and interact and hear our stakeholders concerns and suggestions. This may not be confirmed until sometime in May when authorities have a firm consensus on social gathering protocols/safety. Watch MOPIA's website for the latest updates and register for a session so we keep you aware. Registration forms will be available on-line (soon) and in within your certification card renewal packages.

## MOPIA's 26<sup>th</sup> AGM Postponed



MOPIA's Kent Cielen (ExCom/Board Treasurer), Don Thomson (MOPIA Board member/Halons Technical Options Committee), John Kubilanski (President), Mark Miller (Executive Director) and Meghan Skorodenski (ExCom/Board Secretary)

MOPIA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was set for Earth Day, April 22, 2020. However, due to Covid-19, physical distancing requirements and the importance of safeguarding the health of our stakeholders, we postponed the meeting to a new tentative date (June 15), fully flexible and congruent to any future and immediate Coronavirus restrictions.

Look forward to hearing from MOPIA's Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director about our successes in 2018-2019 including MOPIA's Audited Financial Report for the period. Nominations for election to MOPIA's Board of Directors are available on-line at MOPIA's website including the Agenda and other relevant meeting logistics information.

There is no cost to attend MOPIA's AGM and you may opt to purchase a meal at Aalto's within the meeting site.

## 2020-21 ODS Certification Renewal Update!



Please note renewals for all technicians personal ODS certification will be issued in May by MOPIA for the 2020-21 period.

According to government and health directives with Covid-19, MOPIA may only be able to receive renewals via telephone credit card (call-in), or via the mail, fax or by web renewal. This may change as physical distancing measures allow. And, those who paid in advance will automatically be issued their certification cards in the mail (late May).