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UN Climate Change Conference COP 25 Yields Little



The 25th Conference of the Parties took place the first two weeks of December in Madrid, Spain. Representation from nearly all nations on earth participated to discuss approaches to combat climate change. From alternative energy to setting targets, limits and other strategies on carbon emissions.

International youth activist Greta Thunberg was also present and made a presentation to delegates. See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ml3f0KeZnsY

Unfortunately, no landmark declaration of commitment was made at COP 22. This sets, what some in the environmental community are saying, our world in a progression to warm to between 3-4 degrees Celsius, with significant consequences from droughts to floods, and volatile weather, amongst other challenges including climate refugees from many parts of the planet. See:

- <https://enb.iisd.org/climate/cop25/enb/>
- www.carbonbrief.org/cop25-key-outcomes-agreed-at-the-un-climate-talks-in-madrid
- <https://rebellion.earth/>



2020 Secondary Distributor Renewals due December 31

Companies that import or purchase regulated ODS products in Manitoba are required to have a Secondary Distributor (SD) Permit to access these products. This applies unless the company is an owner operator whereby the owner is certified and may purchase regulated products under their own certification number.

The SD Permit is an annual permit, having been in place since the Manitoba ODS Regulation came into existence (1993). It can easily be applied for, or renewed, only through MOPIA. The cost for the 2020 SD Permit is unchanged at \$50.

Contact MOPIA if you require information, the SD Permit application or to remit payment on a renewal. You may find this same info via our website and you may renew via PayPal

R-22 Manufacturing Ending January 1, 2020

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has mandated the prohibition of the manufacture of HCFC 22 beginning January 1, 2020 in the United States. It also prohibits the import of any HCFC 22.

This restriction has been known for about ten years, so manufacturers of equipment from household air conditioners to other equipment have invariably transitioned to systems using HFCs.

There are some stockpiles of R 22 so equipment that uses HCFC 22 will still be able to operate if any leak is detected and repaired. See: www.epa.gov/ods-phaseout/residential-air-conditioning-and-phaseout-hcfc-22-what-you-need-know





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Meet Manitoba's Minister of Conservation and Climate



Manitoba's Minister of Conservation and Climate is Sarah Guillemard. She was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 2016 and was re-elected in 2019. She was more recently appointed Minister of Conservation and Climate.

She is very active in her south Winnipeg region as a soccer coach and several community activities.

MOPIA aims to meet with the Minister to provide guidance and explore opportunities to address

climate solutions in future.

Minister of Environment and Climate Change (Canada)



On November 20, 2019, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appointed Jonathan Wilkinson Canada's new Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

[www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en/jonathan-wilkinson\(89300\)](http://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en/jonathan-wilkinson(89300))

He is from British Columbia, first elected in 2015 and re-elected also in 2019 to Canada's House of Commons.

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Check out the latest from ECCC:

www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-pollution/issues/ozone-layer/depleting-substances-halocarbon-alternatives-regulations.html#X-201612281355164

MOPIA investigating HFO Training Options



Pictured above: Meghan Skorodenski, John Kubilanski, Marco Buoni, Mark Miller and Genoa de Bruin at MOP 31 at the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy, November 2019.

With the continued phase-down of the manufacture and use of HFC refrigerants in all sectors, MOPIA continues to be visionary and is seeking to create, partner and/or adopt the next generation of training on HFO and natural refrigerants for our stakeholders.

At the 31st Meeting of the Parties (November 2019), MOPIA officials met with the European leader in HFO and natural refrigerants training, Mr. Marco Buoni, Secretary General of the Italian Association of Refrigeration and President of the European Association of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (AREA) <http://area-eur.be/>.

MOPIA is considering all options in providing the best training for our stakeholders, going forward. As progress unfolds, we will keep all informed.

Resource Websites

NOAA, NASA and the UNEP Ozone Secretariate

www.noaa.gov www.nasa.gov <https://ozone.unep.org/?q=home>

Government of Manitoba

Manitoba Sustainable Development ODS Act/Regulation

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/reg/annual/2005/178.pdf>
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/envprograms/index.html>

NASA Ozone Watch & Ozone Home Page

<https://ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov/>
<https://www.nasa.gov/ozone>

International Institute of Sustainable Development

www.iisd.org

United Nations Environment Programme "OzoNews"

<http://web.unep.org/ozonaction/>