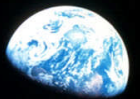




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Updated Draft Federal Code of Practice Released for Comment

Environment Canada released its 2nd draft version of the Federal Environmental Code of Practice for the Elimination of Halocarbon Emissions from Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems.

They are seeking comments and your input on the draft by January 17, 2014. You may see the document at:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/lcpe-cepa/default.asp?lang=En&n=B945FAE9-1>

The draft document has a few new elements and also separates the stationary refrigeration and air conditioning sector from the mobile sector.

MOPIA will be providing our perspective on the document by January 15. We encourage your feedback both to us and to Environment Canada as this document is typically used to guide governments in going forward with potential amendments to harmonize provincial legislation. And, this document when completed will likely be around for the next ten years before it is revisited or overhauled.

2014 Company Secondary Distributor Permit Renewals Due

All companies purchasing regulated refrigerants and air conditioning/refrigeration parts should be renewing or applying for a 2014 Secondary Distributor Permit.

MOPIA issued SD Permit renewal notices to some 400 companies across Manitoba the first week of December. The permit fee remains unchanged at fifty dollars.

For information on the Secondary Distributor Permit, contact MOPIA or visit our website for a renewal form.

2013 Record Data Sheets Due Soon

Every certified technician in Manitoba must report their refrigerant use for the calendar year to MOPIA by February 1. Even if a technician has not used any refrigerant, they must report "no use in 2013." Technicians may scan, fax, email or mail their refrigerant use/non-use to MOPIA directly.

MOPIA logs this information and some of it is used for statistical information, as well as, evidence for enforcement and compliance when ordered by the Courts.

Companies are Responsible for their Employees Actions



Some companies and employers may not recognize this fact, but they are responsible to ensure their employees are complying with the Manitoba Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbons Regulation 103/94.

In other words, if an employee has not renewed his/her annual certification or are topping-up, etc., that company can be charged under Section 26 of the Regulation which appoints responsibility to employers and contractors.

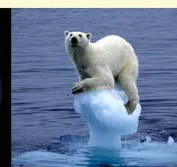
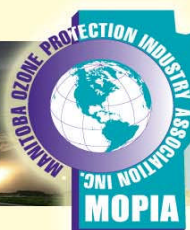
Recently, MOPIA has been made aware by some disgruntled and former employees of a few companies that their employers did not care or overlooked them being valid and in fact not certified. In this case, both the technician and employer may be charged. Manitoba Conservation and a Compliance/Environment Officer has been informed and these cases are being investigated.

Penalties for working on regulated equipment and/or purchasing regulated products without certification is significant. Penalties of non-compliance can be up to \$50,000 on a first offence for a person and up to \$500,000 for a company among other attributes including imprisonment and/or restitution or other fines.

If you are the boss, owner or supervisor of an A/C contractor, service company, repair facility, etc., make sure all your employees working with/on regulated A/C products are certified – they can show you their valid wallet certification card valid to June 2014. If they are not, they can renew today by calling MOPIA. Don't risk the penalties!

Check list for employers:

- ✓ Technicians must have a valid wallet certification card issued through MOPIA, expires June 2014.
- ✓ Each technician must be recording every ounce of refrigerant they are handling on a record data sheet.
- ✓ Their refrigerant record data sheet must be submitted to MOPIA by Feb 1 for the previous years work.
- ✓ Technicians must never mix or blend refrigerants
- ✓ Technicians must label equipment if retrofitting is done.



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Reminder: One Year and Counting: CFC Chiller Ban is Effective January 2015

All CFC containing/operating chillers in Manitoba must be either retrofitted with a non CFC refrigerant or be decommissioned before January 1, 2015. This is not a new regulatory mandate as it has been on the books for nearly ten years under Manitoba's Ozone Depleting Substances and Other Halocarbon's Regulation 103/94. The proper disposal of CFC's is also necessary which likely includes the involvement or services of Refrigerant Management Canada (RMC). They are Canada's refrigerant product stewardship agency set-up to assist industry in this process.

See RMC's website at:

<http://www.refrigerantmanagement.ca/>

For more information on this regulatory requirement, you may contact MOPIA directly.

MOPIA Considering a Scholarship Fund for A/C & Refrigeration Technicians



MOPIA's Board of Director's is considering the opportunity of setting-up an annual scholarship fund for our stakeholders. The initial concept is to encourage and financial assist persons entering the vast array of industry sectors who will be engaged in air conditioning and refrigeration as their primary employment.

MOPIA has set-up a committee to consider a variety of concepts on how to best administer such an initiative and to fairly apply it to our stakeholders in as many sectors as possible, such as, domestic, residential, industrial, commercial, mobile and transport air conditioning and refrigeration.

If you have any suggestions on what we should consider, please let us know. Contact our Executive Director directly at mopia@mymts.net or 1.888.667.4203.

Hunger Strike - Climate Change Conference Yields Few Results



The 19th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change took place in Warsaw, Poland in November.

Despite intensified evidence of climate change throughout the world and a declared hunger strike from the representative from the Phillipines to make progress, parties did not agree to any breakthrough agreements. Progress was made on finance and efforts to encourage nations to initiate domestic preparations for nationally determined contributions and a "Warsaw" mechanism on loss and damage.

For a detailed profile of the day to day events, visit Winnipeg based IISD's reporting site at: <http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cop19/enb/>

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 Monthly Webinar (December, 2013)
<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/launch/meeting.jnlp?sid=2010018&password=M.B1D445B8DFE8C95156E9059D674162>

MACS – Mobile Air Conditioning Society
2014 Training Event and Trade Show
http://www.macs.org/imis15/2014_Training_Event/Home/MACS/2014_Training_Event/2014TEHome.aspx

ASHRAE 2014 Winter Conference
<https://www.ashrae.org/membership--conferences/conferences/2014-ashrae-winter-conference>

ATMOsphere America 2014
<http://www.atmo.org/events.details.php?eventid=23>



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