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Paris 21st COP Yields New Global Climate Protection Agreement



The 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) was recently held in Paris, France. A new climate Agreement was inked that has some important terminology and opportunities for Canada along with nearly 200 other nations. It only becomes binding when 55 nations with at least 55% of the globe's greenhouse gas emissions ratify it. This follows the highly successful Montreal Protocol which has proven results and universal ratification by 197 countries worldwide.

The immediate impact induces Canada to broadly implement a nationally determined contributions (NDC) which include domestic actions and policies to achieve climate action targets. These can be in a variety of implementation formats such as green technology, carbon trading, emission reduction strategies, among other approaches.

The long term goal of the Agreement is to stabilize or limit global climate temperature rise to 1.5 celsius. This is an ambitious target given current computer modelling and trajectory of global growth. However, countries are responsible to submit 5 year climate action target plans beginning in 2020.

Manitoba will also have to continue actions to curb our greenhouse gas emissions from industrial plants in the mining sector (Thompson, Flin Flon) along with privately held chemical/fertilizer processor (Koch) in Brandon, Minnedosa's ethanol plant and southwest Manitoba's oil sector.

See more COP 21 highlights/details at:

<http://newsroom.unfccc.int/>

www.climatechangenews.com/2015/12/12/decoding-the-paris-climate-deal-what-does-it-mean/

Manitoba Government Announces Climate Protection Plan



On December 3, the Premier of Manitoba and his Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship announced Manitoba's plan to address climate change. It includes cutting greenhouse gases by 1/3 and creating at least 6,000 new green jobs by 2020!

Highlights of the plan include:

- Manitoba will join Ontario and Quebec in a cap and trade system
- Partnering with First Nations expanding geothermal energy
- Introducing a compost plan and other energy plans with the City of Winnipeg

Manitoba officials including the Premier and Minister were present at COP 21 in Paris.

See more details at:

www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/index.html

Next One-day Certification Class

MOPIA is offering our next one-day certification training session on Thursday, January 7 in Winnipeg.

For those planning to enter certain college programs or those who will be doing air conditioning or refrigeration work later in the year, this is may be an option for you.

The cost of the class is \$185 and participants need to register in advance by contacting MOPIA.



2016 Secondary Distributor Permits – Apply or Renewal Now



Regulated Refrigerants include: CFCs, HCFCs and HFCs.

All Parts (new or used) Connected to the Closed Refrigerant Loop are Regulated!

Who can purchase Regulated Refrigerants, and A/C Equipment & Parts?

Significant financial penalties:

SHOW IT SEE IT IT'S THE LAW

NO S.D. PERMIT? NO CARD? NO SALE!

TO BUY YOU NEED TO SHOW IT TO SELL YOU NEED TO SEE IT!

YOUR PENALTIES:

UNLAWFUL & ILLEGAL:

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Companies purchasing or importing any new or used regulated air conditioning and/or refrigeration equipment require a Secondary Distributor number for the transaction to be legitimate.

Any parts or equipment attached to the closed refrigerant loop, in addition to refrigerants including HFCs, HCFCs and CFCs are all controlled or regulated.

Purchasing or acquiring any regulated items without a SD Permit is contrary to Manitoba's ODS Regulation and penalties are upwards of \$500,000 on a first offense. Even wholesalers or regulated products require the SD Permit to have in possession as they have either imported or purchased these originally. Beyond them, auto parts wholesalers, car dealerships, ag implement dealers, and air conditioning and refrigeration shops should have this permit.

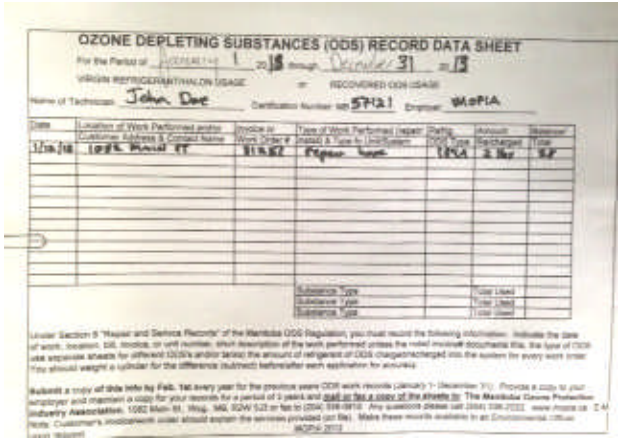
SD Permits are issued for a period of up to one year beginning January 1 of each year and currently cost \$50 annually.

If you have any questions about the SD Permit, please contact MOPIA or see our website for the 2016 SD Permit application or renewal form.

Better White Goods Management

White goods typically include freezers, fridges, water coolers, dehumidifiers that are self-contained or operate individually. If they are designed to contain refrigerant, they must be properly handled, having all their refrigerant recovered before final disposal. MOPIA is examining how each municipality, some First Nations and scrap recyclers are processing units. Improvements must be made to better ensure refrigerant (and ones with mercury switches) are always recovered and recycled. This may include a broad stewardship plan being developed similar to that for electronics or pop bottles.

Service Records Due for 2015



OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES (ODS) RECORD DATA SHEET

For the Period of: 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

Technician: John Doe

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Date	Location of Work Performed	Type of Work Performed	Refrigerant	Amount	Recovery
1/15/15	1000 Main St	Refrigerant	R134a	2.5kg	95%

All certified service technicians – anyone holding a wallet MOPIA certification card – must submit to MOPIA details of all work on the refrigerant side of an air conditioning or refrigeration equipment before February 1 for work done in the previous calendar year. This is a mandatory requirement and penalties exist for non compliance. If you did not do any A/C refrigerant type work, you must also report that to us by way of email, phone or fax.

If you need assistance or have questions in completing the record data form, please contact MOPIA and we will aim to assist you. Record data forms are available on our website or contact us and we will email or fax one to you.

MOPIA's 22nd AGM You're Invited



Plan to attend MOPIA's 22nd AGM being held in Winnipeg on March 21, 2016. The location and related details will be posted SOON on our website (www.mopia.ca) in January.

MOPIA encourages you to be involved and knowledgeable about our activities. Hear the latest on our efforts and consider being part of our Board or share your ideas.