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Your're Invited - MOPIA's AGM

MOPIA's 21st Annual General Meeting will be held on March 23, 2015 (evening) in Winnipeg. You are encouraged to attend and best yet, there is no fee to participate.

If you or someone you know may be interested on a position on MOPIA's Board you should visit our website or contact MOPIA to obtain a Nomination Form and for any details on what is involved.

Date: Monday, March 23, 2015

Location: TBA

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: Free

Parking: Free on-site

Complimentary refreshments will be provided

Hear reports from our Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director. MOPIA is transparent, see our financial picture and feel free to ask questions.

MOPIA Presents in Beausejour

MOPIA's Executive Director Mark Miller presented environmental information to students at Ecole Edward Schreyer School in Beausejour (February 12).

MOPIA is eager to share information on sun safety, ozone protection and climate change to community groups, students and our members. Feel free to contact us to arrange a speaking engagement.



MOPIA Attending Environment Canada Consultation Session

MOPIA is planning to attend an Environment Canada consultation session in Ottawa later this month.

On December 6, 2014, the Minister of the Environment published a Notice of Intent to develop proposed regulations under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to control the manufacture, import and use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in Canada.

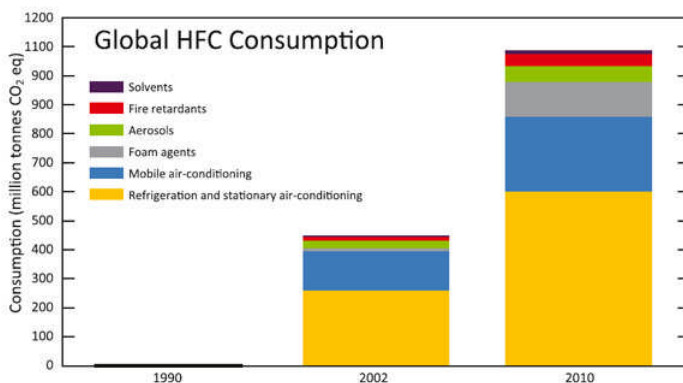
Included in the Notice of Intent was a commitment to consult with representatives of provincial and territorial governments, industry, non-government organizations and other interested stakeholders.

Environment Canada is planning up to five stakeholder meetings to present the proposed regulatory provisions and to gather input. The first meeting, to which all stakeholders are invited, is scheduled for Thursday, **February 19, 2015**. Up to four sector-specific meetings will follow in March 2015. All meetings are expected to be held in Gatineau, Quebec.

A Consultation Document is being prepared and will be distributed to interested parties in advance of the first meeting. Final details of the meetings, including the agenda, dates and locations, will also be sent to those indicating an interest in participating.

Questions regarding the consultation process should be addressed to Stephanie Bourgeau at (819) 938-4235 or Stephanie.Bourgeau@ec.gc.ca

We'll also place the consultation document on MOPIA's website at www.mopia.ca





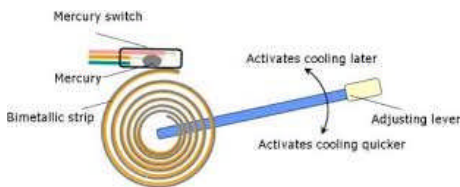
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Switch the 'Stat at MOPIA



Main working parts of mechanical thermostat

MOPIA has become a new registered Switch the 'Stat depot!

Contractors may deposit or drop-off any mercury switches (thermostats) at our location in Winnipeg for free. MOPIA then responsibly coordinates the return of the products. Partners of the program are HRAI and CIPH.

See more at: www.swiththestat.ca

Submit Your Refrigerant Records

All certified technicians must keep track of all regulated refrigerant or halon use, always, all the time!

Record data sheets are available for download free from MOPIA or you may create your own as long as they contain the mandatory information/fields. They may be in electronic form and must be submitted to MOPIA once by February 1 for the previous calendar year. If a technician has not used any refrigerant or halon then this must also be reported, as "no use for 2014".

Record data sheet report/submission information is recorded in a database. You may email, fax or mail them to MOPIA.

Penalties for non-compliance, such as not keeping and/or submitting records, is dictated by the Manitoba ODS Act and can amount to fines of up to \$50,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment ++ – and that's on a first offence.



The Sale of Regulated Products is Restricted

Only certified technicians with a valid Manitoba ODS (MOPIA) Card or a company with an annually renewed SD Permit is allowed to purchase items including all regulated refrigerants (halons) and all parts connected to the closed refrigerant loop of a system (i.e. hoses, compressors, etc.).

The SD Permit allows companies to import and purchase regulated refrigerants and all parts and equipment attached to the closed refrigerant loop of a system.

The SD Permit is for companies that do not have an owner/operator who acquires regulated products for the business. Generally, all wholesalers, auto dealerships, HV/RAC shops, retail centres, re-sellers, parts distributors and the like should have an SD Permit.

Those persons or companies having in possession or acquiring regulated products even on-line (i.e. Kijiji, eBay, etc.) also require a SD Permit. Contravention of the Manitoba Regulation 103/94 comes with fines and penalties under the Act including significant financial hardship and even prison time (incarceration).

If you know any anyone or any company operating potentially in contravention of the Regulation, you are encouraged to report them for investigation by a Government of Manitoba, Environment Officer.

USA & India Raise HFC Issue



US President Obama and India's Prime Minister Modi met in late January and recommitted their plan to address their use of HFCs.

The US-India joint statement explicitly stated:

"The President and Prime Minister reaffirmed their prior understanding from September 2014 concerning the phase down of HFCs and agreed to cooperate on making concrete progress in the Montreal Protocol this year."

See more at:

www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/01/26/highlights-president-obamas-visit-india



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