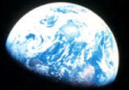




# MOPIA E-BULLETIN



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### MOPIA Links-up to Australia



During MOPIA's recent (Winnipeg) Program Awareness Session, held at the Viscount Gort/Ramada Hotel, stakeholders/members were treated to a live Skype feed to Australia to hear the latest from Mr. Tim Edwards, President of the Australian Refrigeration Association (ARA).

Mr. Edwards highlighted the leadership Australia industry is taking and the advantages that are being achieved by embracing natural refrigerants in the variety of refrigeration and air conditioning sectors.

A new carbon tax was implemented in Australia on HFC refrigerants and this is helping to shift consumer demand to more climate friendly alternative refrigerants including hydrocarbons, ammonia and carbon dioxide.

A new draft Code of Practice for Flammable Refrigerants has been issued in Australia. This is among the first documents addressing flammable refrigerants in the world and this will have significant impact on technology advances in this area going forward.

For more information on the ARA, see: [www.ausref.org.au/](http://www.ausref.org.au/)

For more information on Natural Refrigerants see: [www.refrigerantsnaturally.com/](http://www.refrigerantsnaturally.com/)

<http://www.hydrocarbons21.com/>

[www.greenpeace.org/international/en/campaigns/climate-change/solutions/natural-refrigerants/](http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/campaigns/climate-change/solutions/natural-refrigerants/)

### Plan to Attend a MOPIA Program Awareness Session

MOPIA is inviting you to one of our program awareness sessions that are being held. Several sessions have already taken place, but we plan to do sessions in Dauphin as well as Northern Manitoba (see below) where interest beckons.

Learn about MOPIA's efforts, emerging and new technology, provincial regulatory information and what's happening on the federal and international levels. Ask questions to ensure you are knowledgeable about your regulatory responsibilities.

All sessions are free but pre-registration is required as all sites have limited seating. A complimentary breakfast or lunch/refreshments will be provided at each session for our stakeholders/members. Sessions are about an hour long.

The registration form along with the dates and locations can be found at [www.mopia.ca](http://www.mopia.ca) or email us to email or fax you one at [execassist@mopia.ca](mailto:execassist@mopia.ca) / [mopia@mts.net](mailto:mopia@mts.net)

Dauphin Tuesday, July 23 at noon

MOPIA is also able to meet with stakeholders in Gimli, The Pas, Thompson, Flin Flon and other locations throughout the summer. Let us know if you would like to have a MOPIA rep. visit your shop or inform your group or association.

### Complete Leak Checks are Mandatory or Face Prosecution

Topping-up of any air conditioning system with a regulated refrigerant (i.e. CFC, HCFC and more recently HFC) has been prohibited since 1993 in Manitoba. If a system is low on refrigerant, a full leak check procedure is mandatory by the responding company/technician. This includes recovery of the existing/remaining refrigerant, nitrogen pressure check and permanently repairing the leaking components. The introduction of a leak stop or similar sealant is not considered a leak check or permanent repair and as such is not considered compliance with the mandatory leak test procedure.

Technicians or companies topping-up or only introducing a stop leak type product are cutting corners and may jeopardize their certification and risk Penalties under the Act. Manitoba Conservation is alerted by consumers who have had their systems improperly repaired, time to time.



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## Next Training Session



MOPIA's next training session will be held on Saturday, August 10 in Winnipeg. If you or someone at your workplace requires the one-day certification training, here's a chance.

They just need to contact us to pre-register. The one-day class costs \$175 and is offered when MOPIA has enough applicants. The next tentative date is August 29.

## White Goods Degassing

MOPIA receives calls from waste disposal ground operators and rural municipalities from time-to-time seeking persons who can recover refrigerant from white goods at their dumps before they are sent to scrap sites. Are you interested/have you done this? If so, let us know as we are now keeping a list and database to refer to RM/WDG operators.

## Manitoba Enforcement Offices

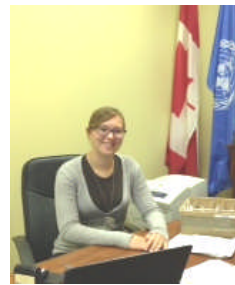


If you have a tip on a company or person not working in compliance with the Regulation, you may call an Environment Officer with information to assist them to investigate.

Manitoba Conservations' direct regional phone numbers are highlighted below:

Northeast Region	Thompson	204.677.6703
Western Region	Dauphin	204.622.2123
Central Region	Portage	204.945.5305
Central Region	Winnipeg	204.945.7072
Central Region	Selkirk	204.782.9104
Eastern Region	Lac du Bonnet	204.345.1486

## MOPIA's Summer Student focuses on UV Sun Awareness



Through support from Manitoba's Urban Green Team program, MOPIA recently hired our new recruit, Laurina. She will be promoting sun safety and awareness. She aims to produce outreach materials to enhance peoples understanding of the various dangers of the sun. Everyone needs to be sun smart!

## Are Your Renewed for 2013-14?



The new 2013-2014 provincial certification cards have been issued. Make sure you have yours'. The expiry date is found near the bottom of each card.

A blitz to find those that have not renewed has been initiated. Penalties under Manitoba's ODS Act are significant and may include significant penalties (fines) and/or worse (incarceration). All wholesalers and distributors of regulated refrigerant and parts are to verify (see) and record your certification card upon any purchase. If they do not, they may be found in non-compliance or fined for selling regulated products to uncertified person(s). The penalties can be very significant and we'll be sure to highlight these in a future E-Bulletin.

