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### MOPIA Tours Mother Earth Recycling



MOPIA's Treasurer Kent Cielen, Kyle Reenders, Jessica Floresco (Mother Earth Recycling General Manager), Genoa de Bruin, Aleah Kamerman, Nicole Salchert, Rachael Hogeveen). Incredible picture taken by Mark Miller (Executive Director).

On June 30 MOPIA met with Mother Earth Recycling General Manager Jessica Floresco to discuss the issues of the proper disposal of white goods.

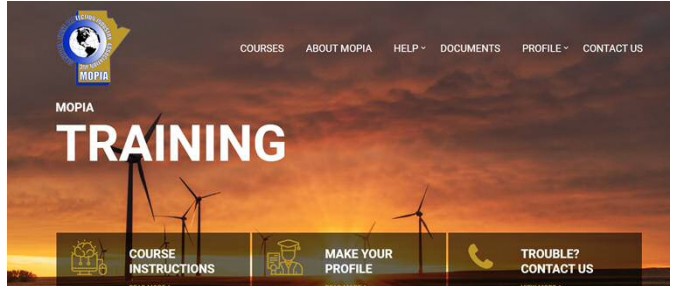
Mother Earth Recycling is a unique, social enterprise in the heart of Winnipeg's North End on Main Street near Higgins. They create new work skills primarily to Indigenous persons and taken on the responsibility of recycling up to 94% of all mattress materials they receive. They are working with many municipalities, private sector partners and the community to ensure mattresses are not landfilled, as they are large bulky materials that can be re-processed.



Mother Earth Recycling also accepts white goods and MOPIA is just beginning discussions with them to consider how best to

proceed with the recent exit of PureSphera, a major white goods processing plant in Winnipeg.

### NEW!! MOPIA Offers On-Line Certification Training



MOPIA has launched our first On-Line certification training platform for technicians June 30!!

Now, persons requiring the provincial certification curriculum can obtain it On-Line via the convenience of their own home or workplace.

This option is in addition to our self-study correspondence kit and pending in-classroom instruction.

All persons purchasing, handling regulated refrigeration, air conditioning and white goods new or used parts, equipment and refrigerant must be certified or the person is liable for a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment on a first offence.

### MOPIA Tours Gerdau

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, MOPIA toured Gerdau's large metal recycling and production plant in Selkirk, Manitoba.

The event included a safety presentation, review and tour of their operations including how they accept and process items that contain refrigerants, from cars to white goods. The main thrust is to ensure all products accepted have or will have their refrigerants extracted prior to crushing and processing.

As they are a large processing centre, they are conscientious with professionally and safely properly managing the decommissioning of all products accepted. MOPIA met several Gerdau officials including their Environmental Team, Janice Braga, Rob Sternat and George Kilada along with Kyle, Genoa and Mark from MOPIA, all seen below.





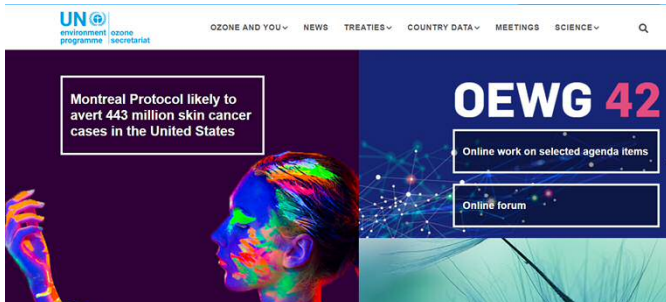
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## Ozone Secretariat/United Nations Environment Programme 42<sup>nd</sup> OEWG



The 42<sup>nd</sup> OEWG was scheduled to take place in Montreal beginning July 13<sup>th</sup>, but due to Covid-19 an alternative meeting platform has been coordinated.

The OEWG is the session including all Parties, non-government and implementing agencies of The Montreal Protocol, aimed at prioritizing and assembling reports and any amendments prior to the annual Montreal Protocol meetings held in November of each year.

MOPIA will be highlighting outcomes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> OEWG which include the Replenishment of the international Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund, unexpected emissions of CFC-11, reports from various Technical Panels among other important issues. You may see the OEWG Agenda and documents at: <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/oweg/oweg-42/presession/SitePages/Home.aspx>

## MOPIA's 26th AGM....September

MOPIA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting is postponed to September due to Covid-19 and as venues are not currently available. Watch MOPIA's website for details. We are respective of our stakeholders and want to ensure all can actively engage and participate in a safely manner.

## Warning – Health Alert on Over the Counter Refrigerant



MOPIA has been made aware of an ingredient in an over-the-counter refrigerant being offered for sale under the AC on the Go name brand that may have a harmful element to human health if used inappropriately or in poorly ventilated spaces. It is reported the product contains dipetane, a chemical ingredient that in aerosol form may cause respiratory conditions in those persons exposed to it.

## Enforcement, Compliance and Your Tips



MOPIA is encouraging anyone who has concern(s) about any person or business that is contravening or disregarding the requirements of Manitoba's ODS Regulation to contact an Environment Officer, who are part of Manitoba Conservation and Climate, located across our Province.

Reports or tips may include issues such as:

- Anyone working on refrigerant or an A/C's closed refrigerant loop without a valid certification via MOPIA
- Anyone or a business topping-up refrigerant
- Anyone cocktailing refrigerants (adding in a refrigerant without first recovering and/or properly permanently repairing an A/C system(s)).
- Anyone cutting refrigerant lines

Report Tips to the Environment Officer/Branch nearest you: [www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment\\_and\\_biodiversity/petroleum\\_storage/contact.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment_and_biodiversity/petroleum_storage/contact.html)

Please remember, the ODS certification is not a trade license and anyone working on equipment designed by Manitoba Apprenticeship must hold a valid Trade qualification. As an example, certain trades are designated and persons working in these must comply or penalties may be levied against the person and or business separate from Manitoba's ODS

Regulation. Contact Manitoba Apprenticeship for more information.

[www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/discover/mbrades/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/discover/mbrades/index.html)

## Global Temperature Update - June 2020 Tied for the Warmest

During May 2020, warmer than average temperatures were recorded across much of the globe.

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/global/202005>