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HFC Phase-down Possible?



During a visit to China in early June, President Obama and Chinese President Xi discussed climate change and HFC's.

A potential breakthrough was made with the following statement: "Regarding HFCs, the United States and China agreed to work together and with other countries through multilateral approaches that include using the expertise and institutions of the Montreal Protocol to phase down the production and consumption of HFCs, while continuing to include HFCs within the scope of UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol provisions for accounting and reporting of emissions".

In past, Canada, the USA and Mexico, among others, have introduced or supported amendments to the Montreal Protocol to control HFC's, unsuccessfully. China's most recent change in position could lead to support for a critical amendment to the Montreal Protocol, again proposed in part by Canada at the next meeting of the Parties in October 2014.

Controlling HFC's is among the most important single action to reducing climate change in future. Fortunately, Manitoba has been a leader having controlled the use of HFC's since 2005. Now, it finally may finally be time to set a timeline to reduce HFC production globally.

MOPIA Board Member Receives Queens Diamond Jubilee Award



Bill Taylor is a model citizen, business leader and life-long volunteer including hosting his yard on Roblin Blvd. (Wpg) during Winter with an elaborate Christmas train and lights display. He was recently awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Award for these achievements.

MOPIA congratulates Bill and appreciates his many years of volunteer service to this day!



Plan to Attend a MOPIA Program Awareness Session

MOPIA is inviting you to one of our program awareness sessions that are being held across Manitoba.

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 or email us to email or fax you one at execassist@mopia.ca / mopia@mts.net

Steinbach	June 13 noon
Morden/Winkler	June 18 noon
Portage la Prairie	June 19 noon
Morris	June 20 noon
Selkirk	June 21 noon
Winnipeg	June 26 7:30 am
Brandon	June 27 noon
Dauphin	June 28 noon
Thompson	July 23 noon
Flin Flon	July 24 noon
Gimli	July 26 noon

MPI's Position on the Use of Hydrocarbons Defined

MOPIA, on behalf of many of our stakeholders, has been seeking clarity from Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) on the use of hydrocarbons with insured vehicles.

MPI highlighted to MOPIA that they do not regulate the use of hydrocarbons (nor does any province at this time) in vehicles.

Further, while consumers/the public may purchase hydrocarbons at various retailers, a consumer must not vent any regulated substance or cross contaminate a regulated substance. MOPIA reminds that consumers can not add a hydrocarbon to a system that still contains a HFC or other regulated substance. They must have the HFC refrigerant recovered properly by a certified person from the A/C system prior to charging with any hydrocarbon refrigerant.



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Next Training Session – June 19



MOPIA's next training session will be held on Wednesday, June 19 in Winnipeg. If you or someone at your workplace requires the one-day certification training, please let them know. They just need to contact us to pre-register. The one-day class costs \$175 and is offered when MOPIA has enough applicants. Likely every 6 weeks or so, at least during summer.

Small Cylinders Prohibited



Small cylinders of any regulated refrigerant is prohibited for sale and use in Manitoba. That is, if they are cylinders that are not designed and manufactured to be refilled. Most of these small canisters can not be refilled.

You may find these in parts of the USA and other nations, and if you do see them in Manitoba, please let MOPIA or preferably an Environment Officer with Manitoba Conservation know so they can investigate and/or take possible enforcement action.

MOPIA's Manitoba Office Team



Meet your MOPIA Team members.
 Lauren
 (excassist@mts.net),
 Grena
 (grena@mts.net) and
 Mark
 (mopia@mts.net) are here to provide the best service to our stakeholders possible.

MOPIA is located on Main Street in the heart of Winnipeg's famous North End.

Our office can communicate with you in English, Tagalo and some French. Let us know how we can improve our services to you! Our contact info is on the top of the page.

Certification Renewals 2013-2014



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 will be initiated shortly. Penalties under Manitoba's ODS Act are significant and may include fines 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 them in a future E-Bulletin.

UV Levels on the Rise

Remember as Manitoba and North America enters Summer on June 21, UV levels tend to increase and our time outside will naturally increase as well. Use sunscreen and proper clothing (hat, sunglasses) during peak UV hours (10am -3pm). See the UV level for your community: http://weather.gc.ca/forecast/public_bulletins_e.html?Bulletin=fpcn49.cwao

