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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 of course, there is no fee to participate. We encourage your attendance and a private tour of the MACDON assembly plant.

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.

**Monday, March 23, 2015**

MACDON

590 Moray Street

Time: 7:00 pm

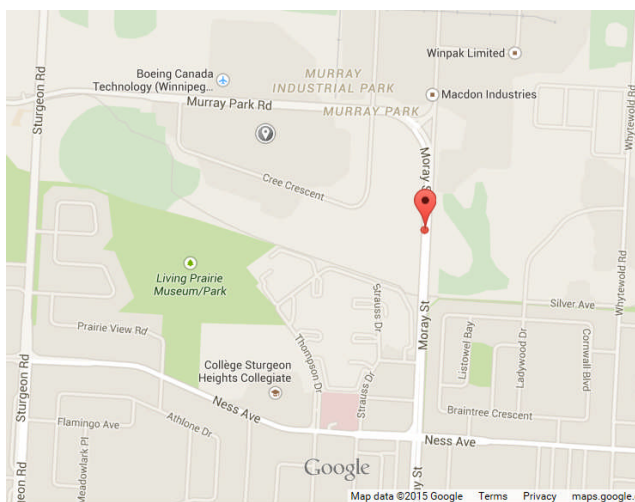
Cost: Free

Parking: Free on-site

Complimentary refreshments will be provided

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

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### HFC Phase-out or Phase-down Coming to Canada...

MOPIA was able to attend a full day Environment Canada HFC consultation session in Ottawa on February 19.

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.

A preliminary consultation document by Environment Canada was presented and can be seen on MOPIA's website.

The key element of the meeting was that Environment Canada intends to regulate HFC's and specific phase-out and/or phase-down dates or a variation to these was offered for consideration. Environment Canada justified that the European community and others are moving away from HFCs and they continue to gain support to restrict HFCs as many of them have a high global warming potential. They are hopeful HFCs will be controlled under the Montreal Protocol., having proposed amendments with Mexico and the USA at a few of the past Montreal Protocol Meetings.

Stakeholders representing the foam, home appliance, HVAC, aerosol and chemical producers and certain environmental organizations were present, about 40 in total and an additional 30 via teleconference.

The mobile/auto sector stressed they need at least 6 years to adapt to any regulatory change such as the proposed end date for the use of HFCs (i.e. 134a) in automobile A/C.

The appliance sector is also concerned and stressed certain codes may have to be amended to if hydrocarbon uses where to be permitted.

The foam sector is also concerned about building code adaptation and the limited options for financially reasonable alternatives to current HFC foams.

Five additional sector specific consultations are being offered by Environment Canada in Gatineau/Ottawa on March 24 and 25. In addition, comments on Environment Canada's proposals can be submitted by March 31 to Environment Canada via Stephanie Bourgeau at (819) 938-4235 or Stephanie.Bourgeau@ec.gc.ca



## Comment on Manitoba's Climate Change and Green Economy Action Plan



Comments are welcomed until April 1 on Manitoba's Tomorrow Now – Manitoba's Green Action Plan. More specifically on a new climate change and green economy action plan for Manitoba.

The depth of the discussion affects a variety of industry sectors from transportation and agriculture to peatlands, water, energy and more....

An online questionnaire can be completed via the International Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD) portal and the link below or more broadly, if you wish, through a written submission.

See: <http://www.iisd.org/climate/markets/consultations.asp>

## 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, can amount to fines of up to \$50,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment ++ !!

## Session on the Enforcement of Compulsory Trades in Manitoba



An awareness session on the enforcement of compulsory trades in Manitoba with Apprenticeship Manitoba representative Mr. Neil Armstrong is being offered March 25 in Winnipeg.

You must pre-register through HRAI's Manitoba Chapter to attend the lunch hour session (\$fee).

Contact [admin@hramb.ca](mailto:admin@hramb.ca) or 204.956.5888.

## Workshop on HFC Management

The 35<sup>th</sup> Open-Ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and a special Workshop on HFC Management is happening next month in Bangkok, Thailand April 20-24, 2015.

The Workshop is expected to focus and profile HFC alternatives, such as carbon dioxide, HFOs, hydrocarbons, ammonia and other emerging technologies.

Since most HFCs have a high global warming potential (GWP), the industry is seeking alternatives with less impact on the climate system.

<http://www.unep.org/ozonaction/>

## US EPA New SNAP Listings

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) hosted a Webinar on "GreenChill" environmentally friendly refrigerants on March 10. You may be able to view this as a recorded session by visiting their dedicated website at: <http://www2.epa.gov/greenchill>

In addition, they just listed 5 additional refrigerants for acceptable use in certain applications. They are ethane, isobutene, propane, hydrocarbon blend 441a and HFC 32. See: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/regulations.html>

