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Manitoba's New Minister of Sustainable Development



Manitoba's 41st General Election took place on April 19 and a new government is in place to address the challenges.

The Progressive Conservative Party won a majority of seats (40 of the 57 in the Manitoba Legislature). The Lieutenant Governor swore in the new Premier (Pallister) and his Cabinet on May 3 in Winnipeg.

Cathy Cox was appointed Minister of Sustainable Development (previously Conservation) and becomes among the few woman who have held this portfolio. Linda McIntosh was the last back in 1999.

MOPIA looks forward to working with the new government and Minister going forward as there are a lot of responsibilities and opportunities to improve this file.

See more at: www.gov.mb.ca/index.html

Help Shape Canada's Action on Climate Change



The Government of Canada is seeking your input on climate change. Submit your ideas via their website, link below...

<http://letstalkclimateaction.ca/index.php?lang=en>

Attend a MOPIA Program Awareness Session



Mark Miller, MOPIA's Executive Director

You are invited and encouraged to attend one of MOPIA's program awareness sessions being held across Manitoba.

They begin in Winkler on June 14, and continue through to August.

The sessions are free and include a complimentary light meal and refreshments. Hear the latest on international, national and local initiatives including emerging technologies and trends. Be part of knowing what will affect you and the industry going forward. Receive an updated 2016 Compliance Guide and seek answers and share concerns.

Registration is easy. Just email (mopia@mymts.net) or call us which session you'd like to attend and how many are coming. We look forward to your participation.

Winkler	June 14
Steinbach	June 15
Portage la Prairie	June 21
Brandon	June 23
Winnipeg	June 28
Selkirk	June 28
Russell	July 4
Dauphin	July 5
Thompson	July 23
Flin Flon	July 24
The Pas	July 24



Next Certification Training Session

MOPIA's next one-day certification class is Saturday, May 28 in Winnipeg. If you are from Winkler, Morden, Brandon or anywhere else, let us know and maybe we can set up a class near you too. Register by email (mopia@mymts.net) or calling MOPIA at 204.338.2222 / toll free 1.888.667.4203.





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Future Global Ban on HFC's Set into Motion



At the last Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (Dubai, November 2015) and the Open-Ended Working Group (Geneva, April 2016) the future of HFCs was discussed intently.

Due to the significant global warming potential (GWP) of many HFCs, there is a global thrust to include them under terms of The Montreal Protocol. Control measures may include a future phase-down or phase-out approach.

See: www3.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/gases/fgases.html

In terms of Canada, the federal department of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has proposed and sought feedback from stakeholders regarding their HFC approach. ECCC is proposing varying phase-down dates for the various industries affected. Canada is seen as a leader in this approach as they were among the first group of nations to propose amendments to The Montreal Protocol to include HFCs.

Manitoba was among the first provinces to regulate and control HFCs, with the intent to better protect the environment. Equipment using HFCs must be properly serviced and venting of HFCs is prohibited.

In the same light, MOPIA continues to spearhead a mission to encourage an HFC aerosol (emission) ban globally. This is similar to the CFC aerosol ban with CFCs that was adopted over 20 years ago. The good news is ECCC has proposed a ban on aerosols which could take place, if adopted into legislation, by 2018.

HFCs emissions from foams, refrigerants, aerosols are the products targeted. MOPIA will keep you advised of any progress or updates on Canada's formal HFC approach.

New: USA EPA Listing of Substitutes Acceptable and Unacceptable



In April, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USA EPA) proposed to list various new products as acceptable and unacceptable for use in the refrigeration, air conditioning, foam and fire suppression sectors. For reference, this is proposed rule #21.

There are several changes proposed and include options including propane, HFO 1234yf among many others.

For more information and details see:

www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-03/documents/snap_action_factsheet.pdf

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www.unep.org/ozonaction/News/OzonNews/tabid/6239/Default.aspx

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