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#### Natural Refrigerants: State of the Industry Report

#### MOPIA's 31st AGM April 22 - Call for Nominations



The latest edition of Natural Refrigerants: State of the Industry was issued in February 2025 by ATMOSphere, a European based independent market accelerator.

The Report highlights how Natural Refrigerants have gained global profile and increasing use throughout the world. Policy changes and technological innovations have pioneered this rapid expansion in a wide array of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment.

The report notes the concern of PFAS chemicals which may see HFO refrigerants further scrutinized and restricted first in Europe.

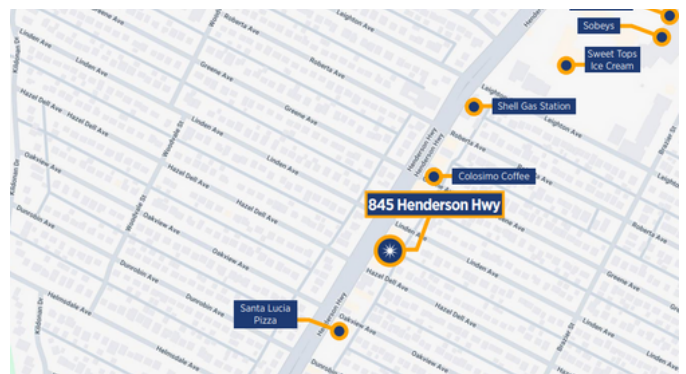
See: <https://atmosphere.cool/atmo-market-report-2024/>

MOPIA's 31st Annual General Meeting will be held on April 22, 2025 in Winnipeg, and will be available to watch by livestream.

If you are interested in becoming a voting member, or a member of the Board of Directors, please contact our office for additional information. Our Nominations Committee will be involved in this process to recommend candidates to our AGM Membership for approval.

Our AGM will present financial information (2023-24) as well as reports from our President, Treasurer and Executive Director.

A Teams live link will be made available for those unable to attend in person. More information will follow in our March Bulletin and at [www.mopia.ca](http://www.mopia.ca).



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## Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association

### Health and Economic Benefits of the Montreal Protocol



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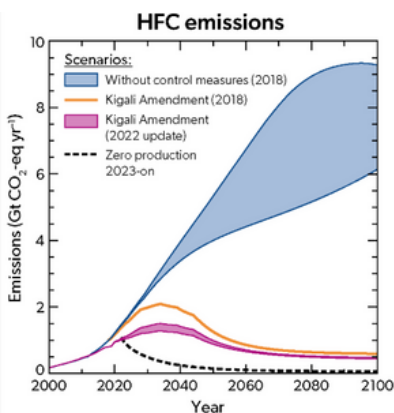
Vienna Convention  
**MONTREAL PROTOCOL**

There have been 5 amendments to the Montreal Protocol since its implementation in 1987. These include the London, Copenhagen, Montreal, Beijing and Kigali Amendments, each with specific and important international commitments. The Kigali amendment marked the inclusion of HFCs, aiming to eliminate their global production as they were identified as potent greenhouse gases.

Many health and economic benefits have been observed, and are further projected with the on-going implementation of the Montreal Protocol and its amendments.

The economic health benefits have yielded an estimated US\$1.8 trillion from the reduction of skin cancers, eye cataracts, and US\$460 billion in safeguarding crop yields, fisheries, and materials alone.

See:  
<https://csl.noaa.gov/assessments/ozone/2022/executivesummary/> and  
<https://ozone.unep.org/facts-and-figures-ozone-protection>



**Avoided CO<sub>2</sub>e**

The CO<sub>2</sub>e App aims to raise awareness and enhance understanding of the contributions of the Montreal Protocol and its Kigali Amendment to climate change mitigation.

### Successful Prosecutions by Enforcement

Environment and Climate Change Canada continues to post and make known successful prosecutions they have made across Canada. The most recent being in February 12, 2025 against a person violating 2 Canadian Environmental Laws. Those persons/companies that neglect, breach or overlook their environmental responsibilities here in Manitoba may face both provincial and federal prosecution.

In Manitoba, companies must have a Secondary Distributor (SD) Permit for importing or purchasing regulated A/C and refrigeration parts, equipment and refrigerants. Technicians must be certified to handle any regulated products and work on any equipment or components that make up or are attached to the closed refrigerant loop.

Companies who must hold an SD Permit include wholesalers and regulated products sellers, auto shops/dealers servicing A/C, ag implement dealers, and many others. In some cases, an SD Permit may not be needed for sole owner-operators of smaller scale businesses. Please contact MOPIA for details.

See prosecutions:

[www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-enforcement/notifications.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-enforcement/notifications.html)

<https://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/>

<https://climatecasechart.com/non-us-jurisdiction/eu/>

[https://environment.ec.europa.eu/law-and-governance/environmental-compliance-assurance/environmental-crime-directive\\_en](https://environment.ec.europa.eu/law-and-governance/environmental-compliance-assurance/environmental-crime-directive_en)



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